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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

### **COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT**

### **COMPLIANCE OPERATIONS AND COORDINATION**

#### **Notice of Readoption**

#### **Regulations Governing the Certification of Laboratories and Environmental Measurements**

#### **Readoption: N.J.A.C. 7:18**

Authority: N.J.S.A. 13:1D-9 et seq., 13:1E-1 et seq., 13:1K-6 et seq., 26:2C-1 et seq., 26:2D-70 et seq., 58:10-23.11 et seq., 58:10A-1 et seq., 58:12A-1 et seq., and 58:12A-26 et seq.

Authorized By: Catherine McCabe, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection.

Effective Date:

New Expiration Date:

**Take notice** that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, the Regulations Governing the Certification of Laboratories and Environmental Measurements at N.J.A.C. 7:18 are readopted and shall continue in effect for a seven-year period. The rules had been scheduled to expire on October 23, 2020. The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has reviewed these rules and has determined that the rules should be readopted because they are necessary, reasonable and proper for the purpose for which they were originally promulgated. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c(1), timely filing of this notice extended the expiration date of the chapter seven years from the date of filing.

N.J.A.C. 7:18, Regulations Governing the Certification of Laboratories and Environmental Measurements, governs the certification of and the procedures used by laboratories that conduct analytical testing of samples taken for the purpose of complying with many of the Department's regulatory programs, including those governing drinking water, groundwater, wastewater, air, soils, solid waste, hazardous waste, and sludge. The standards govern laboratory facilities, personnel, equipment and instrument calibration and maintenance, quality assurance/quality control, laboratory records, data reporting and maintenance, and other laboratory practices. The Department evaluates compliance with these standards through a proficiency testing program and on-site audits of environmental laboratories.

The Department is in the process of reviewing the chapter in preparation for future rulemaking.