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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

### **WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

#### **Notice of Readoption**

#### **Well Construction and Maintenance; Sealing of Abandoned Wells**

#### **Readoption: N.J.A.C. 7:9D**

Authority: N.J.S.A. 13:1D-1 et seq., 58:4A-4.1 et seq., and  
58:12A-1 et seq.

Authorized by: Catherine R. McCabe, Commissioner, Department  
of Environmental Protection.

Effective Date: December 21, 2020

New Expiration Date: December 21, 2027

**Take notice** that, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, the Department of Environmental Protection's (Department) Well Construction and Maintenance; Sealing of Abandoned Wells rules at N.J.A.C. 7:9D are readopted and shall continue in effect for a seven-year period. The rules had been scheduled to expire on January 31, 2021. The 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. Therefore, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1(c), these rules are readopted and shall continue in effect for a seven-year period.

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The Well Construction and Maintenance; Sealing of Abandoned Wells rules establish the requirements and standards for the permitting, construction, and decommissioning of wells, the standards and requirements for the licensing of well drillers and pump installers, and the activities, duties, procedures, and practices of the State Well Drillers and Pump Installers Examining and Advisory Board in accordance with the Subsurface and Percolating Waters Act, N.J.S.A. 58:4A-4.1 et seq.

On October 19, 2020, the Department proposed amendments to the Well Construction and Maintenance; Sealing of Abandoned Wells rules (see 52 N.J.R. 1886(a); October 19, 2020). The public comment period on the October 19, 2020 proposal closed December 18, 2020. The Department still plans to proceed with the proposed amendments and any further action on those proposed amendments would be the subject of a separate notice in the New Jersey Register.