



State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Public Hearing Notice

**DuPont Pompton Lakes Works Site
Pompton Lakes Borough, Passaic County, New Jersey
Monday, November 15, 2010**

- Time:** 7 p.m.
- Location:** Carnevale Center at Saint Mary's
Lenox Drive
Pompton Lakes, New Jersey
- Purpose:** To receive oral and written comment on the Permit by Rule for discharge of treated ground water into the ground.
- Comment Period:** Extended to November 30, 2010

Representatives from NJDEP will be available at the Carnevale Center from 6pm to 7pm for one-on-one informal discussions regarding the ground water discharge permit issue.

Purpose of the Public Hearing:

A public hearing is an opportunity for the community to provide public testimony on significant and relevant issues regarding the discharge to groundwater permit by rule. A short presentation will be made at the start of the hearing to explain the discharge to ground water permit. Following that, testimony will be received by NJDEP and recorded by a court reporter. No question and answer period between the commenters and the NJDEP will occur during the hearing. All comments will be responded to in writing by NJDEP and all technical reasons for not issuing the permit will be considered.

Important Information:

- In 1998 an individual Discharge to Ground Water Permit was approved by the NJDEP for construction and operation of a treatment system on the DuPont site.
- The purpose of the pump and treat system is to prevent contaminated ground water from leaving the site, treat that water and return clean (no exceedances of NJDEP Ground Water Quality Standards) water back into infiltration trenches on the southern boundary of the site.
- In 2005 amendments to DEP regulations were adopted that require parties that are remediating sites that include a discharge to groundwater to request authorization by NJDEP to be administered under a "permit by rule". A more detailed description of the administrative and technical aspects of a permit by rule can be found at www.state.nj.us/dep/srp/guidance/njpdes/njpdes_dgw_techman.pdf.

- Technical changes in the permit:
 - reduce the monitoring and reporting of water levels to NJDEP from monthly to quarterly
 - remove lead from the required analysis.
- Since 2002 lead has not been detected in the system influent or effluent and the water levels have had minimal fluctuation during this time period as well.
- A permit by rule does not expire. However, any significant modifications to the permit requirements will require a public notice and an opportunity for the public to comment. Examples of significant modifications include, but are not limited to, changes to the type of treatment being used or discharge locations; cessation of the discharge; or, termination of the permit.

Community Role in the Permit Process

NJDEP is soliciting public comments on the permit by rule during the public comment period which runs through November 30, 2010. NJDEP will respond in writing to all significant technical comments relating to the permit by rule. The response document will include a summary of both the oral and written comments received and the NJDEP responses to these comments. Written comments on the Proposed Plan should be directed to:

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**To speak with someone about this project contact Mindy Mumford,
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