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NOTICE OF OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE FFY2015 DRINKING WATER PRIORITY SYSTEM, INTENDED USE PLANS (IUP), PROJECT PRIORITY LISTS AND A "TRACK II CALL FOR PROJECTS"

January 9, 2015

Dear Interested Parties:

The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Amendments of 1996 authorized a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) to assist publicly and privately owned community water systems and nonprofit noncommunity water systems to achieve or maintain compliance with SDWA requirements and to further the public health objectives of the SDWA.

Two FFY2015/SFY2016 Proposed Intended Use Plans (IUP) – DWSRF Base and Superstorm Sandy – were published on September 10, 2014. The proposed IUPs contained the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's (Department) funding policies for the upcoming year and the FFY2015/SFY2016 schedules for submitting DWSRF projects. Project sponsors were required to meet these schedules with all applicable deadlines in order to be considered for financing in the FFY2015/SFY2016 funding cycle.

A Track II opportunity is being proposed for project sponsors to submit projects for financing in the FFY2015/SFY2016 Financing Program.

The Department is proposing a FFY2015/SFY2016 second chance provision to accommodate project sponsors that missed the initial commitment letter and planning document deadline of October 10, 2014. Sponsors of such projects will be given a second opportunity to participate in the FFY2015/SFY2016 Financing Program provided they are able to submit a letter of intent, complete planning documents, design documents, and a loan application by March 6, 2015. Projects that met the October 10, 2014 deadline are still required to submit their project design documents, proof that all applicable permits/approvals have been applied for, and loan application by March 6, 2015.

Track II projects will be eligible for loans (at one-quarter the market rate) in FFY2015/SFY2016 provided the project meets the program requirements in a timely manner and there are sufficient DWSRF monies available for project needs. Track II projects will be ranked in accordance with the FFY2015/SFY2016 Priority System and assigned a rank below the projects that met the October 2014 deadline which have been identified in the January 2014 Report to the Legislature.

In addition, the Department is reserving the right to establish a limit on the loan amount that any one project sponsor can receive under the Sandy DWSRF Program.

An electronic copy of the complete package must be submitted to the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust in electronic format by close of business on March 6, 2015. All electronic submissions must be on CD or DVD in PDF, TIFF, or JPG format. Please refer to www.njeit.org under loan applications for further guidance.

If you would like a copy of the DWSRF FFY2015/SFY2016 IUPs or Project Priority Lists, you may contact the DWSRF program or obtain a copy from our website, http://www.nj.gov/dep/watersupply/dws_loans.html.

The period for submitting written comments on this proposal will close on February 9, 2015 (all comments must be postmarked by that date). Please submit the written comments to:

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All comments submitted in accordance with the deadline will be considered in the preparation of the final amended FFY2015/SFY2016 Priority System IUP documents.

Should you have any questions regarding the IUP or the DWSRF program, please contact Alan Dillon or Todd Taylor at the Bureau of Safe Drinking Water at (609) 292-5550 or fax (609) 292-1654.

Thank you for your anticipated input on this proposal document.

Very truly yours,



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