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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Water Resource Management

Solicitation of Water Quality Data to Support the Development of the 2014 List of Water Quality Limited Waters under Section 303(d) of the Federal Clean Water Act and Subchapter 6 of the New Jersey Water Quality Management Planning Rules (N.J.A.C. 7:15-6)

Take notice that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) is soliciting water quality data to be considered in the development of the 2014 List of Water Quality Limited Waters (303(d) List). The 2014 303(d) List will identify waters of the State that exceed surface water quality standards, do not attain designated uses, and require development of total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) pursuant to Section 303(d) of the Federal Clean Water Act (33 USC 1313(d)), the Federal Water Quality Planning and Management Regulations at 40 CFR 130, and the New Jersey Water Quality Management Planning rules at N.J.A.C. 7:15-6. The Department plans to submit the draft 2014 303(d) List to USEPA by April 2014 along with the *New Jersey 2014 Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report* (Integrated Report). Additional information about the Integrated Report and 303(d) listing process is available on the Department's Web site at <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/wms/bwqsa/generalinfo.htm>.

The 2014 303(d) List will be developed using all appropriate and readily available data collected between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2012 in accordance with a Department- or EPA-approved Quality Assurance Program Plan (QAPP) and uploaded into the Department's Water Quality Data Exchange (WQDE) system at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/wms/wqde>, USEPA's STORET data warehouse, or the USGS National Water Information System (NWIS) **by July 1, 2013**.

Data collected after December 31, 2012 should be also entered into WQDE, STORET, or NWIS as soon as it is validated, so it may be considered for off-year and/or subsequent 303(d) Lists or other water quality assessments conducted by the Department. The Department requests that data submitters inform the Department which data system contains their data by sending an e-mail to dian.smith@dep.state.nj.us. Emails from data submitters using STORET should also include, as an attachment, an electronic copy of the approved QAPP with completed signature page (scanned). For additional information, please contact the Bureau of Water Quality Standards and Assessment at (609) 633-7017 or dian.smith@dep.state.nj.us.