

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is currently developing amendments to the Flood Hazard Area Control Act rules. We would like to thank all the invited stakeholders for taking the time to meet with us and provide input into the assessment of these rules. As we discussed at our meetings, the 2007 changes to the regulations were dramatic in structure and substance. With significant change comes a period of reflection on whether the regulation is effective in accomplishing its goal. The intended purpose of our recent meetings was to hear first hand what changes or clarifications you believe are necessary. Our next step is to share with you the [attached summary of the comments](#) we received and to convene a meeting with all interested parties to review these comments.

Following the meeting, a second summary of all stakeholder comments will be prepared that reflects the feedback from the 3/11/11 meeting. This second summary will also be placed on the Department's website. As a person with interest regarding this rule, you are cordially invited to attend the joint meeting which will be held in the DEP Public Hearing Room, 401 East State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625 on March 11, 2011 at 9 AM.

I hope to see you there and thank you for taking your time to attend. If you plan on attending this meeting, please contact Jill Aspinwall of my staff at jill.aspinwall@dep.state.nj.us or 609-984-9736.

Sincerely,

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