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Dear Stakeholder,

The Department of Environmental Protection is hosting a stakeholder meeting on **Tuesday, May 28** to provide an opportunity to present information, solicit input and discuss potential amendments to the Ground Water Quality Standards (GWQS), N.J.A.C. 7:9C, to update the ground water quality criteria (GWQC) and/or practical quantitation levels (PQLs) for approximately 60 constituents, and corresponding updates to specific ground water quality standards for approximately 45 constituents in Class II-A ground waters. The **GWQS Stakeholder Meeting** will be held on the following date/time:

When: Tuesday, May 28, 2019

1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Where: New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

1st Floor Public Hearing Room

401 E. State Street

Trenton, NJ 08625

Please RSVP to confirm attendance by contacting Dian Smith at dian.smith@dep.nj.gov or by calling (609) 633-1441 by May 27, 2019. Directions and parking information can be found at <https://www.nj.gov/dep/where.htm>.

Background:

Updates to the existing specific ground water quality standards were identified as part of a stakeholder process initiated in April 2016 to explore comprehensive amendments to the GWQS focusing on three key issues: criteria and PQL updates, ground water classifications and designated uses, and streamlining the rules and their implementation (see <https://www.nj.gov/dep/workgroups/gwqs.html>). Participants agreed that the most urgent of these issues was replacement of 23 Interim Specific Ground Water Quality Standards with permanent standards, which was completed in January 2018. Stakeholders participated in work groups convened in 2017 to provide technical input on re-evaluation and potential updates of specific ground water quality standards as the next phase of rulemaking. The upcoming stakeholder meeting will focus on these updates, which were identified through the reevaluation of all GWQC, PQLs and specific ground water quality standards on the GWQS Appendix Table 1 (see https://www.nj.gov/dep/rules/rules/njac7_9c.pdf).

Additional information regarding this meeting will be posted at <https://www.nj.gov/dep/workgroups>.

General information about the Ground Water Quality Standards is available at

<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/wms/bears/gwqs.htm>. If you have any questions, please call the Bureau of Environmental Analysis, Restoration and Standards at (609) 633-1441.