

Dear Interested Stakeholder,

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Bureau of Local Environmental Management and Right to Know is hosting a stakeholder meeting to inform the drafting of proposed technical amendments to the **New Jersey Noise Control rules (chapter) at N.J.A.C 7:29**.

The purpose of this meeting is to gather input from the stakeholders involved or interested in the proposed amendments. We believe that the insight presented by our stakeholders will result in a productive discussion, which will lead to more effective amendments.

You (or a designee) are hereby invited to participate in this stakeholder meeting which will be held at DEP Headquarters on January 8, 2020 from 9:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. The meeting will take place in the Public Hearing Room on the first floor at 401 East State Street, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625. Directions can be found at <https://www.nj.gov/dep/where.htm>. The DEP is also one-block from the Trenton Transit Center (train station) located at 72 South Clinton Avenue.

The DEP, in partnership with the New Jersey Noise Control Council (Council) and the Rutgers' Noise Technical Assistance Center, has been working on amending N.J.A.C. 7:29 for the past two years. The draft amendments are needed to strengthen the chapter and will add, remove and update definitions, clarify content, maintain consistency, eliminate redundancy, replace antiquated references, cite the proper standards and reflect current technology. By making these changes, which are considered technical in nature, it will allow the chapter to be more easily understood and enforced.

PLEASE NOTE: The entire chapter is not open for discussion, only the draft amendments are to be reviewed and discussed at this stakeholder meeting. Further discussions regarding other parts of the chapter can be brought to the Council's attention at their monthly meetings. For their meeting schedule and directions please go to www.nj.gov/dep/enforcement/ncp.html.

Concerns regarding the chapter that are not addressed by the draft amendments may also be addressed in the DEP's **Model Noise Ordinance** (<https://www.nj.gov/dep/enforcement/noise-intro.html>), which the Council is currently revising. Input regarding the revised model ordinance should be directed to the Council through attendance at their monthly meetings.

Please R.S.V.P to confirm your attendance by contacting David Triggs via email at david.triggs@dep.nj.gov or by phone at (609) 984-0272 by December 30th. Please include the number of people attending in your confirmation.