RESOLUTION OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (SERC) AUTHORIZING THE CO-CHAIRS TO GRANT EXTENSIONS OF DEADLINES IMPOSED BY THE SERC

Whereas the SERC, in accordance with Executive Order 284 (Murphy 2022), passed resolutions designating 21 county-based Emergency Planning Districts and two municipal Emergency Planning Districts; and

Whereas pursuant to resolutions issued by the SERC in October 2023 and April 2024, the Emergency Planning Districts so designated were required to appoint a Local Emergency Planning Committee ("LEPC") and prepare and submit to the SERC the district's Offsite Emergency Response Plan (approved by the LEPC) within 180 days of the respective resolution; and

Whereas the SERC has been advised that most of the Emergency Planning Districts are in compliance; and

Whereas personnel from the State Office of Emergency Management and NJ Department of Environmental Protection are working with the remaining districts of Hudson County, Essex County and the City of Newark to help them achieve compliance;

By a vote taken on October 25, 2024, the SERC passed a resolution authorizing the Co-Chairs to grant extensions of SERC-established deadlines to any Emergency Planning District or LEPC for purposes of facilitating compliance with Executive Order 161 (Kean 1987), Executive Order 284 (Murphy 2022) and the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act.

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