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**DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT
Notice of Extension of Chapter Expiration Date
Water Quality Management Planning Rules
N.J.A.C. 7:15**

Take notice that Governor Jon S. Corzine has been informed by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) that the Water Quality Management Planning rules, N.J.A.C. 7:15, are due to expire on May 25, 2006.

The Water Quality Management Planning rules prescribe water quality management policies and procedures to restore and maintain the chemical, physical and biological integrity of the surface and ground water resources of the State. The Department (primarily through the Division of Watershed Management) administers the Water Quality Management Planning rules as part of the "continuing planning process" required by Sections 208 and 303 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Water Quality Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 58:11A-1 et seq. These rules serve two basic functions. They establish the Department's general regulatory framework for water quality planning and supplement other Department rules pertaining to wastewater management.

The Department is engaged in an effort to comprehensively revise the Water Quality Management Planning rules. Because of the extent of amendments anticipated, the Department has determined that an extension is needed to develop the amendments for proposal in conjunction with other rulemaking initiatives and subsequently to address public comment and accomplish the adoption.

Therefore, by the authority vested in him, Governor Jon S. Corzine, on May 11, 2006, directed that the expiration date for N.J.A.C. 7:15 be extended from May 25, 2006 to January 31, 2007.