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**RULE ADOPTIONS**

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT**

39 N.J.R. 767(c)

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**N.J.A.C. 7:15**

**Notice of Extension of Chapter Expiration Date**

**Water Quality Management Planning Rules**

**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 **January 31, 2007**.

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. This chapter was most recently extended from May 25, 2006 to January 31, 2007 to allow the Department to meet with representative interest groups to discuss policy initiatives to be proposed as part of the significant rule amendments being considered (see [38 N.J.R. 2691\(a\)](#)). The Department has determined that a further extension is needed to allow the Department time to fully consider input received as a result of this outreach.

Therefore, by the authority vested in him, Governor Jon S. Corzine, on January 18, 2007, directed that the expiration date for [N.J.A.C. 7:15](#) be extended from January 31, 2007 to April 1, 2007.

