

N.J. Clean Water Council Public Hearing
Water Infrastructure Management and Financing
Tuesday, October 12, 2010

NJ Department of Environmental Protection Public Hearing Room
401 East State Street, Trenton, New Jersey

Purpose of the Hearing:

The Clean Water Council of New Jersey seeks public testimony on an issue critical to both environmental protection and economic vitality – water infrastructure management and financing, specifically the issues of asset management and accounting.

AGENDA

- 9:00 **Welcome and Introductions** – Jessica Rittler Sanchez, Chair, NJCWC
- 9:10 **Opening Comments and DEP Perspective** – Bob Martin, Commissioner
- 9:30 **BPU Perspective** – Lee Solomon, President
- 9:45 **DCA Perspective** – Marc Pfeiffer, Deputy Director, Division of Local Government Services
- 10:00 **Public Testimony**

Specifically the Council seeks input and reaction to the specific recommendations of the white paper itself and the following questions:

- *What steps can be taken to implement the Council's recommendations at least cost?*
- *What additional recommendations would improve water infrastructure asset management?*
- *Do restrictions exist, regarding the use of specific utility structures (e.g., municipal utilities, utility authorities, private ownership, investor-owned) for shared services or utility management consolidation, which are inappropriate and should be modified?*
- *What role might privatization or public-private contracts perform to improve water infrastructure asset management?*
- *Do restrictions exist, regarding the application of new technologies or financial approaches that could improve asset management consolidation, which are inappropriate and should be modified?*

- 1:00 **Close of Public Testimony**