

Water Infrastructure Management and Financing: Draft Recommendations of the Clean Water Council

*A Public Hearing sponsored by the
New Jersey Clean Water Council*

Tuesday, October 12, 2010, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
NJ Department of Environmental Protection - Public Hearing Room
401 East State Street, Trenton, New Jersey

PURPOSE OF THE HEARING

The New Jersey Clean Water Council seeks public testimony on its ***Draft Recommendations for Water Infrastructure Management and Financing***. New Jersey's water infrastructure – water supply, wastewater, stormwater – is aging, with failures being common news. In response, the Council has released a white paper (see <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/cleanwatercouncil/>) for public consideration and comment. Based upon the testimony from this hearing, the Council will finalize a set of recommendations for the Commissioner of the NJ Department of Environmental Protection.

REQUEST FOR TESTIMONY

Under New Jersey law, the Clean Water Council of New Jersey is required to hold a public hearing once a year regarding water pollution related issues and report its recommendations to the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection. 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?***

HOW TO TESTIFY

The Council will provide 5 minutes per oral presentation and strongly encourages the submittal of detailed written comments by email or CD, as well as paper, to augment your testimony. Written comments will be accepted until October 30, 2010, and can be sent to the New Jersey Clean Water Council, c/o NJDEP - Division of Water Quality, 401 East State Street, P.O. Box 425, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0425 or by fax at (609) 341-4518. If submitting on disk or CD, the preferred format is Microsoft Word® 2003 or above. Macintosh formats should not be used.

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