

# NJPDES Municipal Stormwater Permit Renewal

*A Public Hearing sponsored by the New Jersey Clean Water Council  
New Jersey Forensic Science Technology Center, 1200 Negron Drive, Hamilton, NJ 08691*

**Tuesday, April 12, 2016, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (or close of testimony, if earlier)**

## PURPOSE OF THE HEARING

The New Jersey Clean Water Council (NJCWC) seeks public testimony on the DEP's **Preliminary** Draft Renewal of the stormwater permits issued to municipalities authorizing the discharge of stormwater from municipal stormwater systems. These municipal systems are referred to as Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems, or MS4s.

Most municipalities have developed a stormwater program to comply with the core requirements of the preliminary draft renewal permits. This hearing provides interested parties the opportunity to offer input prior to issuance of the draft permits. The Department will not formally respond to comments received on the preliminary drafts but will consider them during preparation of draft permits. The Council will consider the testimony and make recommendations to NJDEP Commissioner Bob Martin regarding the preliminary draft permits. The Department will then issue draft permits; solicit formal comments; and issue a response to comments document with the final permit decisions. The preliminary draft permits are posted at [http://www.nj.gov/dep/dwq/msrp\\_home.htm](http://www.nj.gov/dep/dwq/msrp_home.htm).

## SPEAKERS

**Dan Kennedy, NJDEP Assistant Commissioner- Water Resource Management:** Keynote speaker

**Jim Murphy, NJDEP Bureau Chief- Bureau of Non-Point Pollution Control:** Proposed municipal stormwater permit specifics.

**Brian Friedlich, P.E., Kleinfelder Project Manager:** Stormwater BMP retrofits that have resulted in water quality, flooding, and streambank erosion improvements.

**Q&A / Discussion** will begin after the speakers

**Public Testimony** will begin at approximately 2:45 p.m.

## REQUEST FOR TESTIMONY

The Council seeks recommendations regarding how municipalities can best comply with the permit and how the permit can be best structured to result in environmental benefits. Testimony should consider:

- How can a municipality's Stormwater Program better address water quality impairments and flooding issues?
- What additional practices could further advance addressing water quality impairments?
- What tools or resources can be used to more efficiently complete the inventory and mapping requirements (for example, shared services, use of community groups or interns)?
- Do you have an education and outreach or data sharing program that has been successful?
- What additional training opportunities should the DEP provide to assist municipalities with achieving compliance with the permit?

## HOW TO TESTIFY

The Council will provide 5 minutes per oral presentation and strongly encourages the submittal of detailed written comments by email or on paper, to augment your testimony. Written comments will be accepted until April 30, 2016, and can be sent to the NJ Clean Water Council, c/o NJDEP - Division of Water Quality, 401 East State Street, P.O. Box 425, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0425; by fax at (609) 341-4518; or by email to [Tracy.Omrod@dep.nj.gov](mailto:Tracy.Omrod@dep.nj.gov). If submitting electronically, the preferred format is Microsoft Word® 2003 or above (not Macintosh formats).

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