



NEW JERSEY CLEAN WATER COUNCIL MEETING

November 12, 2024 | Meeting Summary

INTRODUCTIONS

Tony called meeting to order at 10:04AM

Council Participants (9): Tony McCracken, James Cosgrove, Sandra Howland, David Kovach, Chris Andreasen, Pamela Goodwin, Krishna Jagannathan, Peggy Gallos, Ashley Kerr

DEP Participants (7): Susan Rosenwinkel, Jennifer Feltis Cortese, John Murray, Christine Enright, Dustin Termi, Susanne Hoffman, Karley Mcilhatton

APPROVAL OF MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- September 10, 2024 - Moved by James Cosgrove, second by Krishna Jagannathan

DEP UPDATES - Provided by John Murray | DEP

DEP staff attended grand opening of novel microplastics removal pilot at Atlantic County Utilities Authority (ACUA)

- On September 12, 2024, staff from the Division of Water Quality attended the grand opening of PolyGone Systems' (PolyGone) microplastics removal pilot for wastewater treatment facilities at ACUA. More information on the grand opening event can be found at: <https://www.njspotlightnews.org/video/new-filter-system-removing-microplastics-from-public-water/> and more information on this pilot project can be found at: (<https://www.acua.com/Projects/Microplastics-Filtration-Pilot.aspx>)
 - Peggy Gallos shared that Yidian Liu is one of the co-founders of PolyGone and is eager to work with wastewater and other folks in NJ for possible future pilots. Contact info: Yidian Liu: yidianl@projectplastic.site

Execution of Administrative Compliance Agreement (ACA) for Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority (CCMUA), Camden and Gloucester City Long Term Control Plan (LTCP)

- On October 15, 2024, the Division of Water Quality received signatures on the ACA for CCMUA, and the Cities of Camden and Gloucester regarding their joint LTCP. This ACA will provide certainty on CSO projects moving forward and finalizes the first five years of LTCP projects. Finalization of the three NJPDES CSO permits occurred on November 4, 2024.

Groundbreaking for Largest CSO Storage Tank in New Jersey - North Bergen Municipal Utilities Authority (NBMUA)

- North Bergen Municipal Utilities Authority (NBMUA) held a groundbreaking event for the installation of a 5 million-gallon CSO storage tank in North Bergen, Hudson County. NBMUA was awarded a \$56.1 million short-term loan from the NJ I-BANK for the project with approximately \$40 million of American Rescue Plan (ARPA) principal forgiveness. The storage tank is located on the property of a high school where parking will be installed on top of the tank.

NEW BUSINESS

- Presentation on Food Processor Land Application
 - John Murray, Environmental Specialist | Bureau of Ground Water, Residuals and Permit Administration | NJDEP

DISCUSSION:

- Sandra Howland shared that land application of Food Processing Residual (FPR) is permitted on preserved farmland following the [New Jersey Farmland Preservation Program | Food Processing By-Product Land Application AMP \(2:76-2A.4\)](#)
 - Council member asked if they ever check the nutrient or preservation plans for these farms? NJDEP Response: When generators apply for the permit and if the sources change, they are required to work with the farmer to update the nutrient management plans. NJDEP has been paying more attention to this and will advise if they need to update their nutrient plans based on sampling.
 - Possible future topic: State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) could come and talk to CWC about preserved farmland.
- Public Hearing Planning: The Council reviewed and approved final documents and details for the public hearing.
 - Public Notice
 - Finalize Panel Questions
 - Discussed 2025 Meeting Calendar: Council members approved draft 2025 schedule.

OLD BUSINESS

- Subcommittee Updates: No updates were provided at this meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next meetings:
 - December 17, 2024 (Public Hearing)
 - January 14, 2025

ADJOURNMENT

Moved, David Kovach, Second, Jim Cosgrove, Adjourned at 11:34 am.