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## New Jersey's Water Infrastructure: When Success Is the Only Option

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

**Wednesday, November 30, 2011, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**NJ Department of Environmental Protection - Public Hearing Room (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)  
401 East State Street, Trenton, New Jersey**

### PURPOSE OF THE HEARING

The New Jersey Clean Water Council and the Water Supply Advisory Council seek public testimony regarding a critical question in the management of wastewater and water supply infrastructure: how should we measure long-term success in utility asset management? This hearing follows on 2010 recommendations by the Clean Water Council to the Departments of Environmental Protection and Community Affairs, and the Board of Public Utilities regarding water asset management and maintenance (see <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/cleanwatercouncil/hearing2010.htm>).

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. This year, the hearing is being co-sponsored by the Water Supply Advisory Council. Both Councils have a statutory responsibility to advise the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection on their respective issues.

### REQUEST FOR TESTIMONY

Clean water—drinkable, swimmable and fishable—has been the goal of planning and regulatory efforts for over fifty years. Healthful water supplies are also a high priority for the public and commerce. Unfortunately, current management of our water infrastructure is resulting too often in systems that are “run to failure” rather than managed for success, putting New Jersey’s clean streams, drinking water and economy at risk. The Council seeks input and reaction to the following questions regarding asset management for water supply and wastewater utilities:

- ♦ ***What standards of performance should apply to asset management?***
- ♦ ***Who should be responsible for compiling, releasing and publicizing assessments?***
- ♦ ***How should we recognize and reward successful utilities for doing a good job?***
- ♦ ***How should we facilitate improvements for utilities that are doing a poor job?***
- ♦ ***How should NJ assure sufficient funding and budgeting for proper asset management?***
- ♦ ***How do we convince the public to support these actions?***

### 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 December 31, 2011, 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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