



# **WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

## **Combined Sewer Overflow:** *Revised Draft Guide to CSO Public Engagement*

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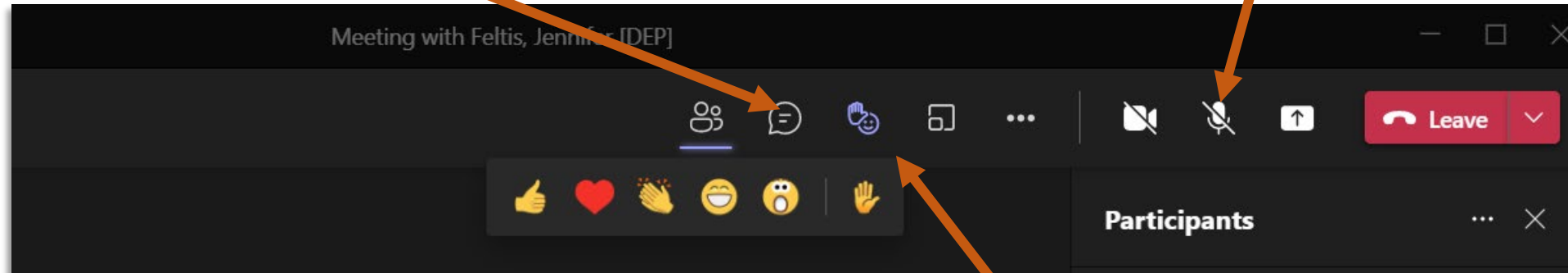
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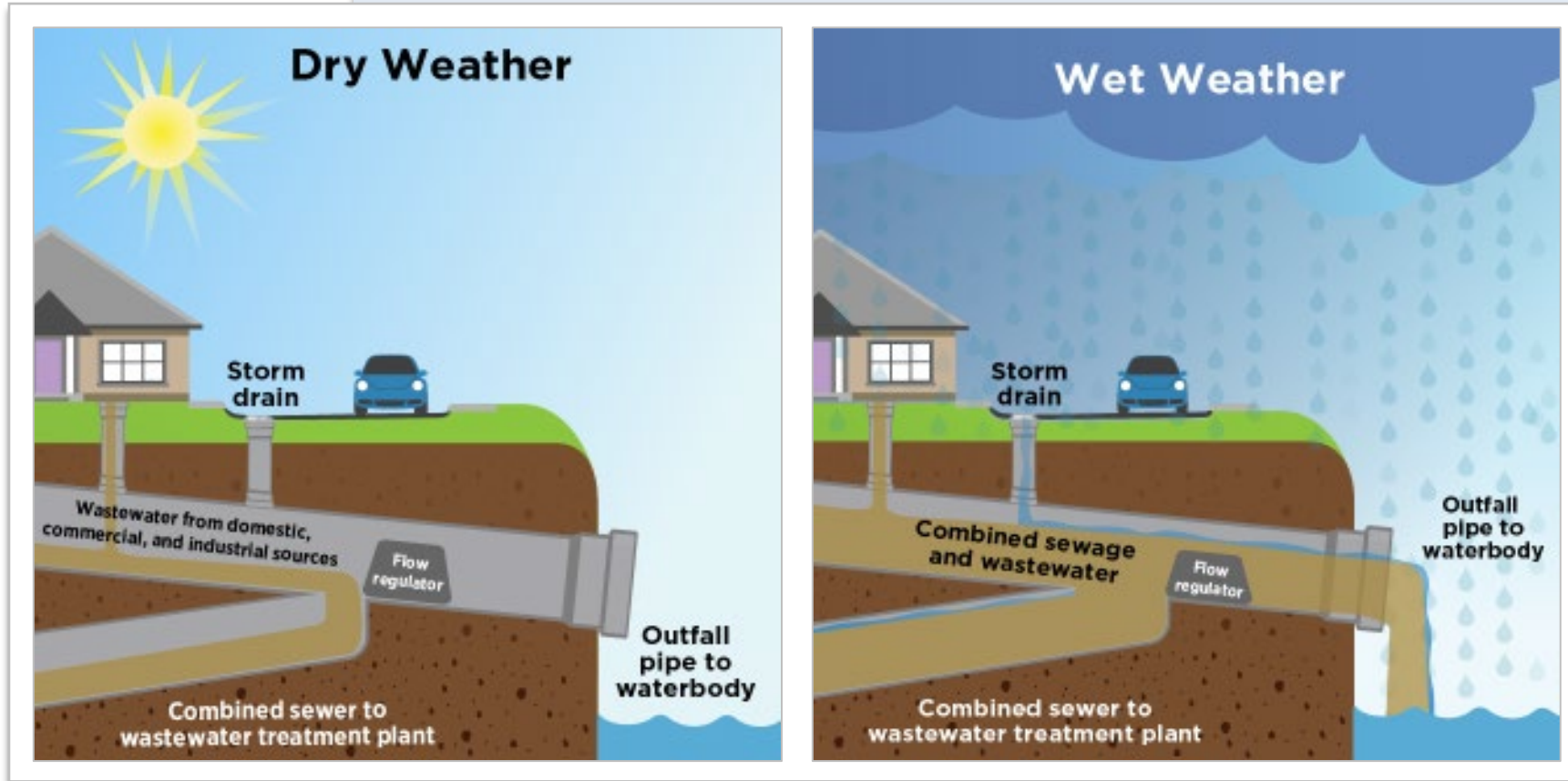


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# Combined Sewer Systems



## *Illustration of a Combined Sewer System*

Source: EPA



# New Jersey CSO Program

***Permits can be found at:***

***<https://www.nj.gov/dep/dwq/cso.htm>***

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**Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Permits 2022/2023**

The 2015 Final NJPDES Combined Sewer Overflow permits required submission of Long Term Control Plans to address combined sewer outfall discharges. These LTCPS were submitted in 2020 and reviewed by DWQ. Draft CSO permits have been issued based on the information contained in the LTCPS, input from stakeholders and comments from the DWQ. Final CSO permits have begun being issued based on the draft permits and written and oral comments submitted. As these permits have been issued, they have been listed in the "News" section to the right. Note that any new final permits that have been issued do replace the 2015 permits and have been included in the "CSO Permits" tab above.

The goal of the CSO permits is to meet the requirements of the Clean Water Act and the National CSO Policy by reducing or eliminating the remaining CSO discharges in New Jersey. The Department is committed to working with Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) permittees and CSO communities to reduce or eliminate CSOs by providing low-cost funding and guidance to meet permit obligations. In order to achieve the reduction or elimination of CSO discharges, CSO permittees will need to reduce flooding, ensure proper operation, maintenance and management of existing infrastructure and provide opportunities for green infrastructure. CSO permits reinforce the importance of properly operated and maintained water infrastructure systems in protecting public health and the environment and supporting economic redevelopment.

**News**

- 11/09/2023 - Issuance of Draft NJPDES CSO Permit for the City of Camden **NEW!**
- 11/09/2023 - Issuance of Draft NJPDES CSO Permit for Gloucester City **NEW!**
- 11/09/2023 - Issuance of Draft NJPDES CSO Permit for the Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority **NEW!**
- 11/01/2023 - Draft CSO Public Engagement Guidance Document - Revised **NEW!**
- 09/13/2023 - Public Hearing for the NJPDES CSO Permit for the Bergen County Utilities Authority, the City of Hackensack, the Village of Ridgewood Park, and the Borough of Fort Lee scheduled for October 16, 2023 **NEW!**



# Part IV.G.2 Public Engagement

- Engage with Overburdened Communities
- Long-term Control Plan Outreach Coordinator
- Engaging with the Office of Environmental Justice
- Public meetings are streamed/posted
- Materials provided in appropriate languages

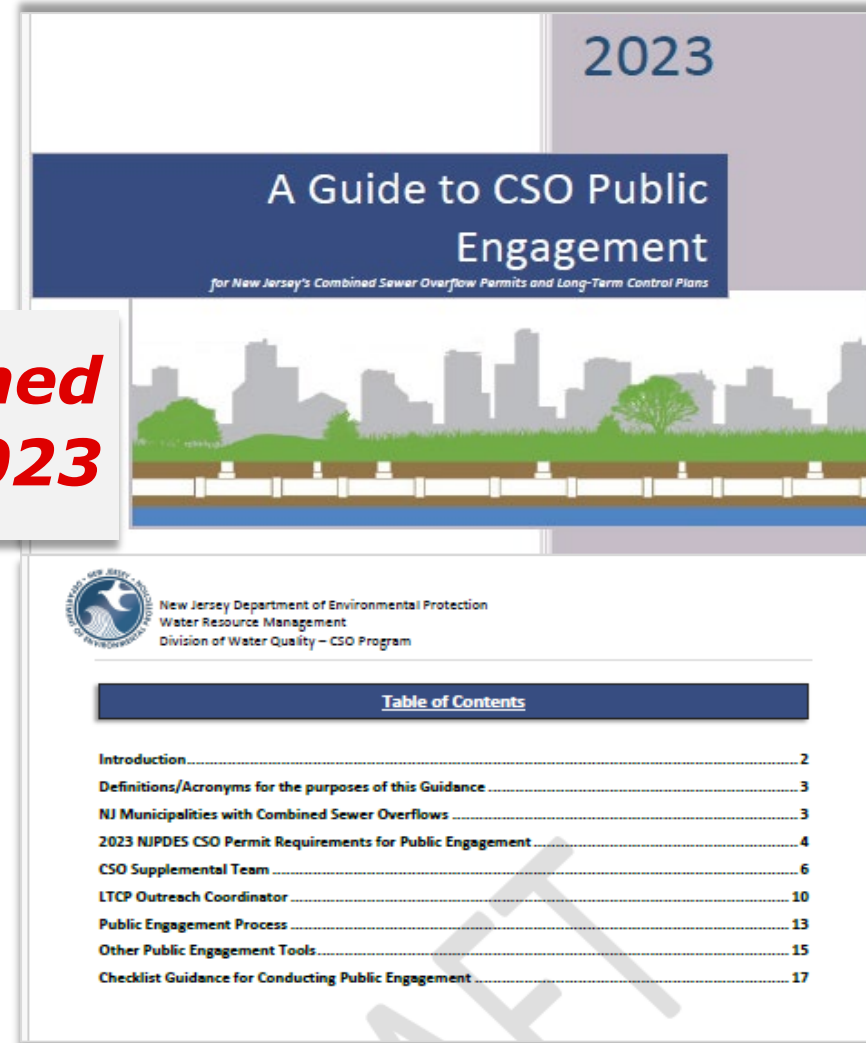


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# Draft Guidance Published June 2023

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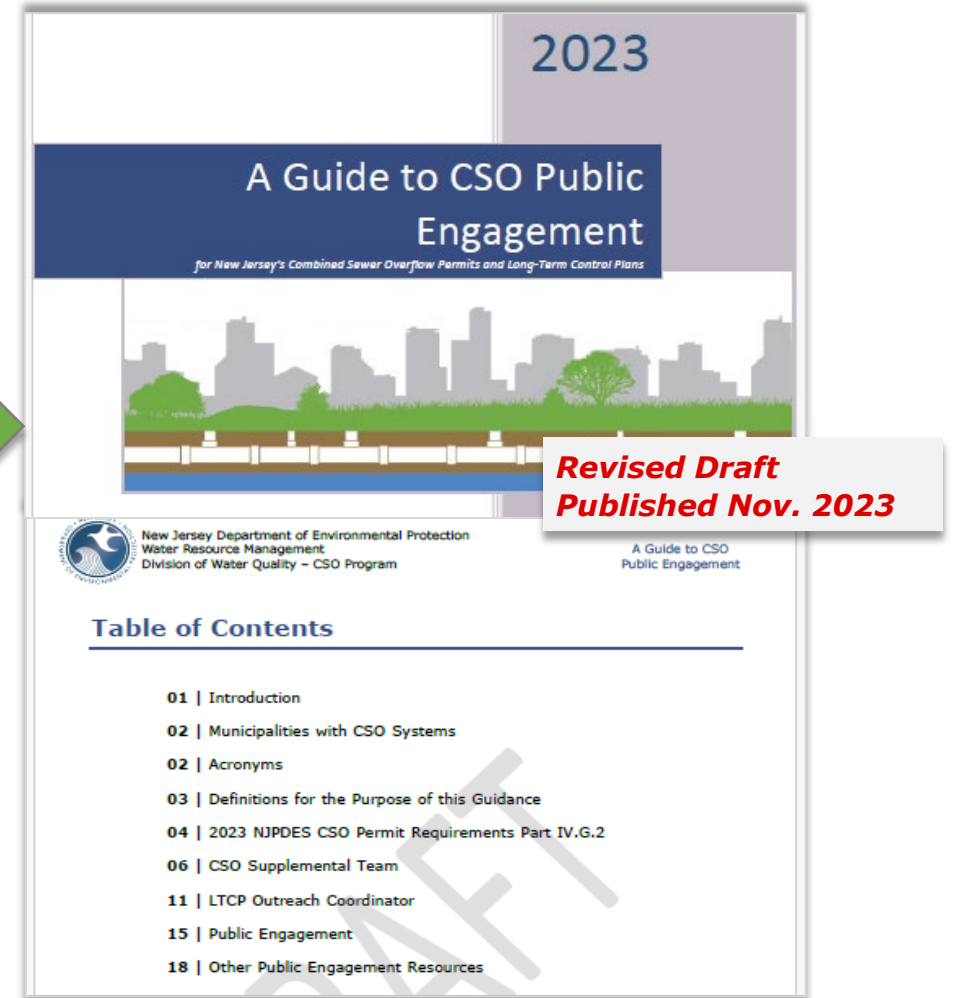
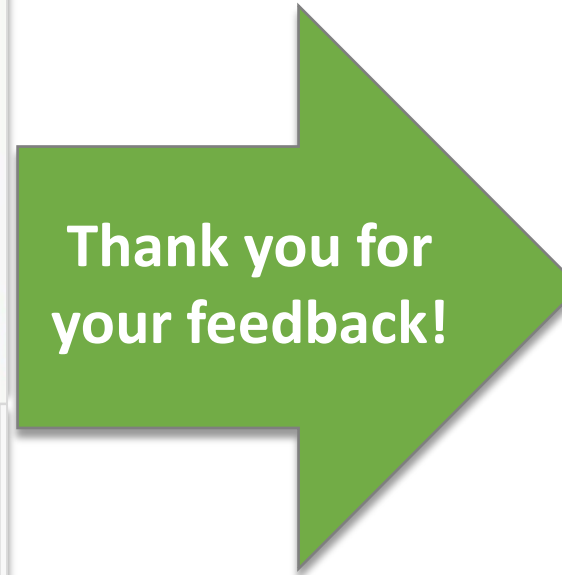
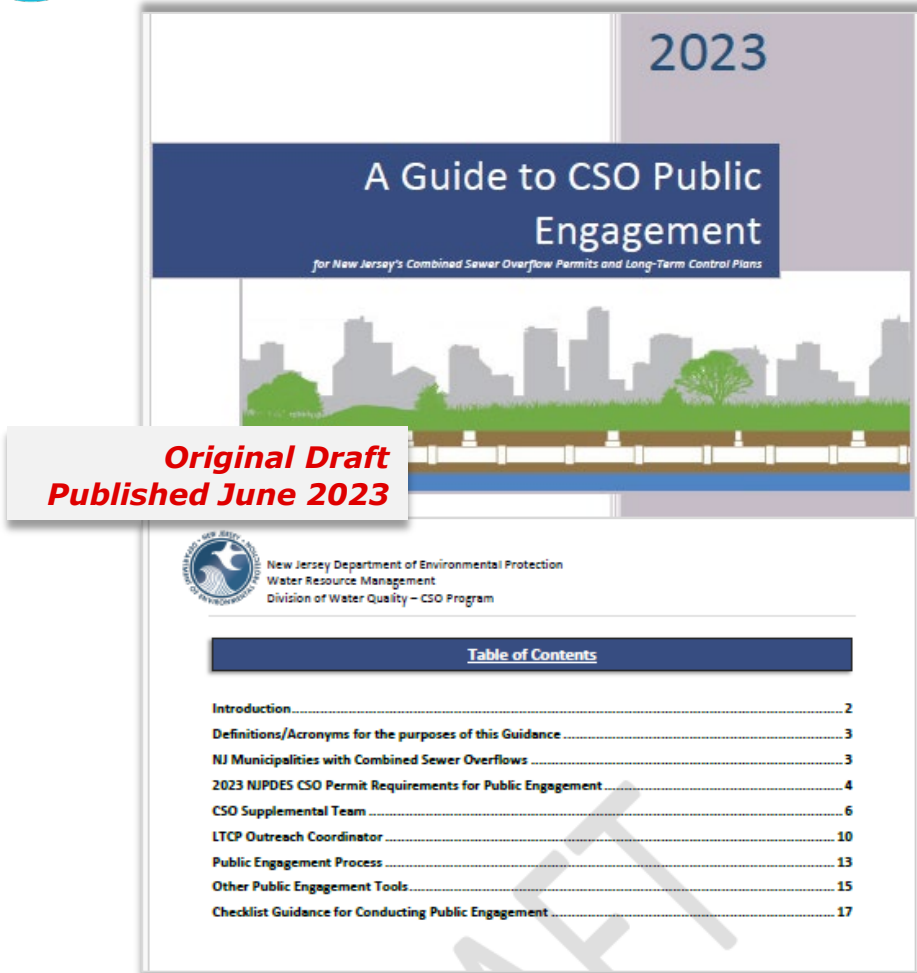
# Draft Guidance Contents

***Guidance can be found at: <https://www.nj.gov/dep/dwq/cso.htm>***

- Introduction
- Permit Requirement Language
- CSO Supplemental Team
- LTCP Outreach Coordinator
- Public Engagement Process
- Other Public Engagement Resources



# Draft Guidance Revisions







# Revisions to Draft Guidance



**Clarified Purpose of CSO Public Engagement Guidance**



**Additional Key Terms Defined for the Purpose of this Guidance**



**Additional Best Practices and Considerations for building Public Engagement**



**Additional Public Engagement Resources**



**Updated User-Friendly Formatting**

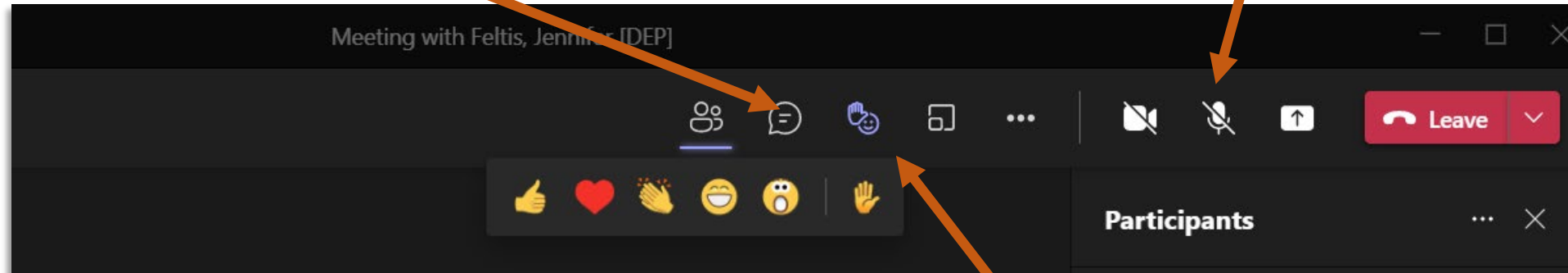


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