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Department of Environmental Protection

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Dear NJPDES Permittees:

We are hereby providing you with an abbreviated version of the FY2004 Annual Fee Report and Fee Schedule for the New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) permit program. The total NJPDES fee assessments (excluding the Stormwater Permitting Program) are projected to be \$12.15 million. The fees to be assessed for the Stormwater Permitting Program are projected to be \$3.50 million. The FY2004 Annual Fee Report and Fee Schedule has been prepared based upon the NJPDES Fee Regulations at N.J.A.C. 7:14A-3.1.

A **public hearing** on the FY2004 fee schedules for the period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004, will be held on Wednesday, April 28, 2004 beginning at 1:30 P.M. at:

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection 2nd Floor Large Conference Room 401 East State Street Trenton, New Jersey

The **public comment** period on the FY2004 Annual Fee Report and Fee Schedule will remain open for comments until April 28, 2004. Please submit written comments to:

William F. Boehle, P.E., Chief Bureau of Permit Management Division of Water Quality PO Box 029 Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0029

The enclosed document is only a partial copy of the Annual Fee Report and does not include the fee schedules for permits that are subject to the environmental impact calculation. The full version of the FY2004 Annual Fee Report and Fee Schedule is available on the Department's web site at www.nj.gov/dep/dwq/njpdesfees.html. Also enclosed is a Fee Assessment Summary sheet and, if applicable, a Fee Basis information sheet. The Fee Assessment Summary sheet lists the permit fee information for all of the NJPDES permits for a given responsible organization. This would include general permits and individual permits, whether or not the permit is subject to an environmental impact calculation based upon your pollutant discharge as part of the annual fee. If any of your individual permits are subject to an environmental impact calculation based upon

your pollutant discharge, a separate Fee Basis information sheet is also enclosed for each permit.

Note that the entire minimum fee schedule has been updated this year. Information on this and on the minimum fees for the new Municipal Stormwater Permit Program is contained in the Fee Report beginning on page 3.

If you have any questions regarding the Fee Report, please contact Mike Dillon in the Fee Management Unit of the Division of Water Quality at (609) 984-4428.

Sincerely,

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