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Governor

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Lt. Governor

RE: Statewide Sand and Gravel Stormwater General Permit (RSG)-Issuance of New Permit

Dear Interested Party:

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) is issuing a new General Stormwater Permit for Sand and Gravel Operations (RSG) that do not have a discharge to surface water. You are receiving this letter because your facility is either currently authorized under the existing Mining and Quarrying Stormwater General Permit (R13) and/ or your facility may meet the criteria for eligibility under the new RSG permit (including facilities with individual Discharge to Groundwater Permits).

Previously, the Department regulated these types of discharges of stormwater under the Mining and Quarrying Stormwater General Permit which covered two types of industries: (1) mines and quarries and their associated operations (e.g. asphalt and concrete plants) and (2) sand and gravel operations. The new RSG permit will cover Sand and Gravel Operations with no discharge to surface water. In order to better serve these industries and more accurately reflect their operations, the Department is issuing the RSG permit to reflect their unique operations. After the issuance of the new RSG permit, mines/quarries will be regulated through two separate stormwater general permits that are as follows:

- Mining and Quarrying with associated industries with a surface water discharge covered under SIC (and NCAIS codes): 1411 (212311), 1422 (212312), 1423 (212313) 1429 (212319) 1455 (212324), and 1459 (212325). Sand and gravel operations with the SIC (and NCAIS codes) 1442 (213321), 1446 (212322) with a surface water discharge will stay in the current R13 permit (NJ0141950).
- <u>Sand and Gravel Operations with no surface water discharge</u> under SIC (and NCAIS) codes 1442 (212321), 1446 (212232) and parts of 1499 (212399) are eligible for the **New RSG permit** (NJ0201189).

Enclosed are the Sand and Gravel (RSG) Fact Sheet, the RSG General Permit with Attachments A and B, the RSG RFA Supplemental Form and the RSG Permit Action Form. Please review these documents to

determine whether your facility would like to continue under your existing permit or become authorized under the new RSG. **ALL facilities must complete and return the RSG Permit Action Form.**

Below are instructions for 3 options for your facility:

- 1. For facilities that are currently authorized under the R13 permit and that wish to stay in the R13 permit:
 - a. On the RSG Permit Action Form, complete your facility information and check off the "Continuation of authorization under the R13 Stormwater General Permit" box.
 - b. Complete the Facility Update Information Section of the RSG Permit Action Form.
 - c. Sign the Certification Section of the Form and Return it to the address on the form.
- 2. For facilities that are currently under the R13 and would like to authorized under the new RSG permit:
 - a. On the RSG Permit Action Form, complete your facility information and check off the "New authorization under the RSG Stormwater General permit."
 - b. Submit a Supplemental form for the RSG (enclosed);
 - c. Update facility information;
 - d. Sign the Certification Section of the form and Return to the address on the form.
- 3. For facilities that are currently under an individual permit to discharge to groundwater (DGW) and would like to be authorized under the new RSG:
 - a. Complete a Request for Authorization form found at: <u>http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dwq/pdf/njpdes1f.pdf</u>
 - b. Complete a RSG Supplemental form (attached);
 - c. A copy of valid Mining Certificate issued by the Office of Public Safety under the NJ Department of Labor;
 - d. Verification of an approved Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan;
 - e. Send the above completed forms to the address on the NJPDES 1 form.

For questions on this letter, please feel free to contact Matthew Klewin at the Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control at (609) 633-7021.