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## **PROPOSAL SECTION**

### **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

### **WATERSHED AND LAND MANAGEMENT**

#### **Notice of Extension of Comment Period**

#### **New Jersey's Protecting Against Climate Threats (NJPACT)**

#### **Resilient Environments and Landscape (REAL) Rules**

**Take notice**, the public comment period is extended until **November 7, 2024**. The prior notice of proposal indicated that written comments may be submitted by November 3, 2024.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:1D-5.1(a), the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) is extending the comment period on the notice of proposal of amendments, repeals, and new rules to the Coastal Zone Management (CZM) rules, N.J.A.C. 7:7, Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act (FWPA) rules, N.J.A.C. 7:7A, Flood Hazard Area Control Act (FHACA) rules, N.J.A.C. 7:13, and Stormwater Management (SWM) rules, N.J.A.C. 7:8, as well as several additional rules that cross-reference these four chapters, as part of a comprehensive update of the State's Land Resource Protection program to reflect the latest global, regional, and State-specific scientific information on climate change (see 56 N.J.R. 1282(a)). These rules work in tandem and collectively help protect New Jersey's land and water resources, as well as afford protections to public safety, health, and welfare. This rulemaking will ensure the use of reliable climate science to aid New Jersey communities in better preparing themselves to confront the critical environmental and public safety threats presented by climate change.

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The Department encourages electronic submittal of comments. Submit comments electronically at [www.nj.gov/dep/rules/comments](http://www.nj.gov/dep/rules/comments). Each comment should be identified by the applicable N.J.A.C. citation, with the commenter's name and affiliation following the comment.

In the alternative, comments may be submitted on paper to:

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