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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

### **WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT**

#### **DIVISION OF WATER SUPPLY AND GEOSCIENCE**

##### **Notice of Administrative Change**

##### **Fee Schedule for Water Supply Allocation Permits**

##### **N.J.A.C. 7:19-3.6**

**Take notice** that the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) is adjusting fees for water supply allocation permits, temporary dewatering permits, and water use registrations set forth in the Water Supply Allocation rules at N.J.A.C. 7:19-3.6. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:19-3.4, the Department is adjusting the fees for inflation based on the previous 12-month United States Department of Labor Consumer Price Index (CPI), U.S. city average, all items, all urban consumers. As provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, on July 1, 2019, the applicable CPI is 1.8 percent. (<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/cpi.t01.htm>). Adjusted fees will be rounded for accounting simplicity, down to the nearest \$5.00 increment. The new fee schedule will be effective on January 1, 2020. The Department will send notice of the fee adjustment to current permit holders and registrants, and anticipates that the 2020 annual fee invoices will be issued in December 2019.

**Full text** of the changed rule follows (additions indicated in boldface **thus**; deletions indicated in brackets [thus]):

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SUBCHAPTER 3. FEE SCHEDULE FOR WATER SUPPLY ALLOCATION PERMITS AND WATER USE REGISTRATIONS

7:19-3.6 Fee schedule

(a) Fees shall be charged for water supply allocation and dewatering permits issued under this chapter pursuant to the following schedule:

[1. Initial application and permit modification fees (\$):

	<u>Class 1</u>	<u>Class 2</u>	<u>Class 3</u>	<u>Class 4</u>	<u>Class 5</u>	<u>Class 6</u>
i. Surface water diversions	5,985	6,740	8,695	14,985	16,375	17,765
ii. Ground water diversions	7,490	8,405	10,860	18,735	20,405	21,790
iii. Ground and surface water diversions in which waters are returned undiminished to the source	3,570	4,780	5,985	7,195	8,300	9,415
iv. Dewatering diversions	7,275	7,275	7,275	18,595	18,595	18,595

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2. Annual fees (\$):

	<u>Class 1</u>	<u>Class 2</u>	<u>Class 3</u>	<u>Class 4</u>	<u>Class 5</u>	<u>Class 6</u>
i. Surface water diversions	2,885	3,380	5,790	9,985	12,760	15,540
ii. Ground water diversions	3,880	4,485	7,235	12,490	15,270	18,045
iii. Ground and surface water diversions in which waters are returned undiminished to the source	1,265	2,070	3,990	4,795	5,605	6,400
iv. Dewatering diversions	3,770	3,770	3,770	12,395	12,395	12,395]

1. Initial application and permit modification fees (\$):

	<u>Class 1</u>	<u>Class 2</u>	<u>Class 3</u>	<u>Class 4</u>	<u>Class 5</u>	<u>Class 6</u>
i. Surface water diversions	6,090	6,860	8,850	15,250	16,665	18,080
ii. Ground water diversions	7,620	8,555	11,055	19,070	20,770	22,180

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**iii. Ground and surface water diversions**

**in which waters are returned**

<b>undiminished to the source</b>	<b>3,630</b>	<b>4,865</b>	<b>6,090</b>	<b>7,320</b>	<b>8,445</b>	<b>9,580</b>
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<b>iv. Dewatering diversions</b>	<b>7,405</b>	<b>7,405</b>	<b>7,405</b>	<b>18,925</b>	<b>18,925</b>	<b>18,925</b>
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**2. Annual fees (\$):**

<b>i. Surface water diversions</b>	<b>2,935</b>	<b>3,440</b>	<b>5,890</b>	<b>10,160</b>	<b>12,985</b>	<b>15,815</b>
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<b>ii. Ground water diversions</b>	<b>3,945</b>	<b>4,565</b>	<b>7,365</b>	<b>12,710</b>	<b>15,540</b>	<b>18,365</b>
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**iii. Ground and surface water diversions**

**in which waters are returned**

<b>undiminished to the source</b>	<b>1,285</b>	<b>2,105</b>	<b>4,060</b>	<b>4,880</b>	<b>5,705</b>	<b>6,515</b>
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<b>iv. Dewatering diversions</b>	<b>3,835</b>	<b>3,835</b>	<b>3,835</b>	<b>12,615</b>	<b>12,615</b>	<b>12,615</b>
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(b) Fees for water use registrations issued under this chapter shall be charged as follows:

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1. Any person who is required to apply for a water use registration pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:19-2.18 shall, along with a completed registration form, submit an initial registration fee of [~~\$415.00~~] **\$420.00**.

2. (No change.)