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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, 2021, the applicable CPI is 5.0 percent. (<http://www.bls.gov/>). The fees were last adjusted in 2019 when the percentage increase was 1.8 percent. 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, 2022. The Department will send notice of the fee adjustment to current permit holders and registrants, and anticipates that the 2022 annual fee invoices will be issued in December 2021.

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

7:19-3.6      Fee Schedule

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(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 (\$):

	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
i. Surface water diversions	6090	6860	8850	15250	16665	18080
ii. Ground water diversions	7620	8555	11055	19070	20770	22180
iii. Ground and surface water diversions in which waters are returned undiminished to the source	3630	4865	6090	7320	8445	9580
iv. Dewatering diversions	7405	7405	7405	18925	18925	18925

2. Annual fees (\$):

i. Surface water diversions	2935	3440	5890	10160	12985	15815
ii. Ground water diversions	3945	4565	7365	12710	15540	18365

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iii.	Ground and surface water diversions						
	in which waters are returned						
	undiminished to the source	1285	2105	4060	4880	5705	6515
iv.	Dewatering diversions	3835	3835	3835	12615	12615	12615]

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

		<b>Class 1</b>	<b>Class 2</b>	<b>Class 3</b>	<b>Class 4</b>	<b>Class 5</b>	<b>Class 6</b>
ii.	<b>Surface water diversions</b>	<b>6390</b>	<b>7200</b>	<b>9290</b>	<b>16010</b>	<b>17495</b>	<b>18980</b>
ii.	<b>Ground water diversions</b>	<b>8000</b>	<b>8980</b>	<b>11605</b>	<b>20020</b>	<b>21805</b>	<b>23285</b>
iii.	<b>Ground and surface water diversions</b>						
	<b>in which waters are returned</b>						
	<b>undiminished to the source</b>	<b>3810</b>	<b>5105</b>	<b>6390</b>	<b>7685</b>	<b>8865</b>	<b>10055</b>
iv.	<b>Dewatering diversions</b>	<b>7775</b>	<b>7775</b>	<b>7775</b>	<b>19870</b>	<b>19870</b>	<b>19870</b>

**2. Annual fees (\$):**

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i.	<b>Surface water diversions</b>	<b>3080</b>	<b>3610</b>	<b>6180</b>	<b>10665</b>	<b>13630</b>	<b>16605</b>
ii.	<b>Ground water diversions</b>	<b>4140</b>	<b>4790</b>	<b>7730</b>	<b>13345</b>	<b>16315</b>	<b>19280</b>
iii.	<b>Ground and surface water diversions in which waters are returned undiminished to the source</b>	<b>1345</b>	<b>2210</b>	<b>4260</b>	<b>5120</b>	<b>5990</b>	<b>6840</b>
iv.	<b>Dewatering diversions</b>	<b>4025</b>	<b>4025</b>	<b>4025</b>	<b>13245</b>	<b>13245</b>	<b>13245</b>

(b) Fees for water use registrations issued under this chapter shall be charged as follows:

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 [~~\$420.00~~] **\$440.00**.

2. Each person who holds a valid water use registration shall pay an annual fee of [~~\$205~~] **\$215**.