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DIVISION OF WATER MONITORING, STANDARDS, AND PESTICIDE CONTROL

Notice of Administrative Correction

Ground Water Quality Standards

Remediation Standards

N.J.A.C. 7:9C-1.7, 1.9, and 7:9C Appendix Table 1; and 7:26D-7.2

Effective Date: January 29, 2025.

Take notice that the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) discovered errors in its notice of adoption published on February 3, 2025 at 57 N.J.R. 234(a). During the Office of Administrative Law review process, the Department submitted a few late updates to the number of constituents in the introductory language and in several comments and responses. These updated numbers of constituents, mistakenly, did not make it into the notice of adoption and are corrected herein. These corrections do not change any text in the New Jersey Administrative Code.

1. The first paragraph of the notice of adoption is replaced with the following: The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) is adopting amendments to the Ground Water Quality Standards (GWQS), N.J.A.C. 7:9C, to update the specific ground water quality criteria and/or practical quantitation levels (PQLs) for 72 constituents of Class II-A ground water based on United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) methodologies and the best available scientific information. These updates result in changes to the ground water quality

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standards for 63 of the 72 constituents. Of these 63 ground water quality standards, 49 are becoming more stringent, and 12 are becoming less stringent. Two new standards are being added for constituents that currently have interim generic ground water quality criteria pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:9C-1.7(c)3ii. Once adopted, the standards for these two constituents will be less stringent than the current interim generic criteria. The criteria updates for an additional nine constituents remain less than or equal to their PQLs, resulting in no updates to the ground water quality standards for those constituents.

2. The first paragraph of the “Summary of Changes to the Basis and Background Document and Agency-Initiated Changes” section is revised to change “39 proposed PQL updates” to “38 PQL updates” in the first sentence of the paragraph.

3. In the Response to Comment 10, “PQLs for 73 constituents of ground water” is revised to “PQLs for 72 constituents of ground water”

4. In the Response to Comment 13, the final sentence of the first paragraph is revised to the following: “The adopted criteria and PQLs will result in changes to the ground water quality standards for 63 out of 72 constituents instead of 65 out of 73 constituents, as indicated in the proposal document.”

5. In the Response to Comments 68 and 69, “50 constituents were proposed to become more stringent” is revised to “49 constituents were proposed to become more stringent.”

6. In the Response to Comment 71, “73 identified constituents of ground water” is revised to “72 identified constituents of ground water.”

7. In the Federal Standards Statement, “PQLs for 73 ground water constituents” is change to “PQLs for 72 ground water constituents”

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The Department has requested, and the Office of Administrative Law has agreed to make these changes administratively.