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NJ DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Water Resource Management
Division of Water Monitoring Standards and Pesticide Control

Notice of Extension of Comment Period

Ground Water Quality Standards, N.J.A.C. 7:9C; Remediation Standards, N.J.A.C. 7:26D

PUBLIC NOTICE

Take notice that, 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 proposal of amendments to the Ground Water Quality Standards which will update the specific ground water quality criteria and/or practical quantitation levels (PQLs) for 73 constituents of Class II-A ground water based on United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) methodologies and the best available scientific information. In addition, the Department is proposing to amend N.J.A.C. 7:9C-1.7(c)3i to enable the Department to update the specific ground water quality criterion for a constituent with a corresponding Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) in the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) rules, N.J.A.C. 7:10, when the Department determines that the weight of evidence approach specified at N.J.A.C. 7:9C-1.7(c)3ii would more appropriately address the risk posed by the constituent than the risk addressed by the health-based level used to establish the MCL. Lastly, the Department is proposing to amend the Remediation Standards at N.J.A.C. 7:26D-7.2(b) to reference N.J.A.C. 7:9C-1.7(c), instead of (c)5.

The proposal indicated that written comments may be submitted by March 2, 2024. The public comment period is extended until Friday, April 5, 2024.

The Department encourages electronic submittal of comments. Submit comments electronically at 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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