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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT
WATER MONITORING AND STANDARDS**

**Notice of Readoption
Surface Water Quality Standards**

Readoption: **N.J.A.C. 7:9B**

Authority: N.J.S.A. 13:1D-1 et seq.; N.J.S.A. 58:10A-1 et seq. and
58:11A-1 et seq.

Authorized By: Bob Martin, Commissioner,
Department of Environmental Protection

Effective Date: October 17, 2016

New Expiration Date: October 17, 2023

Take notice that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, the Surface Water Quality Standards (SWQS) rules at N.J.A.C 7:9B are readopted and shall continue in effect for a seven-year period. The rules had been scheduled to expire on November 16, 2016. The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has reviewed these rules and has determined that the rules should be readopted because they are necessary, reasonable and proper for the purpose for which they were originally promulgated. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1(c), timely filing of this notice extended the expiration date of the chapter seven years from the date of filing.

The SWQS rules establish the designated uses and antidegradation categories for all surface waters of the State, classify those surface waters based on the designated uses, and specify the water quality criteria that must be met to support the designated uses. The rules also set forth

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the procedures for modifying water quality-based effluent limitations established under the New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System rules, N.J.A.C. 7:14A, and the procedures for reclassifying specific segments of waterbodies for less or more restrictive uses. The SWQS are implemented through other Department regulatory programs, including Site Remediation, to ensure that a discharge from a contaminated site that has reached surface water and exceeds any applicable surface water quality standard is remediated, and Land Use Regulation, to establish permit requirements that are protective of the designated uses established for the State's surface waters.