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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

### **DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY**

#### **Notice of Readoption**

#### **Sludge Quality Assurance**

#### **Readoption: N.J.A.C. 7:14C**

Authority: N.J.S.A. 13:1D-9; 13:1E-1 et seq.; 58:10A-1 et seq.; 58:11-49

through 58; and 58:11-64 et seq.

Authorized By: Catherine R. McCabe, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection

Effective Date:

New Expiration Date:

**Take notice** that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, Sludge Quality Assurance, N.J.A.C. 7:14C, is readopted and shall continue in effect for a seven-year period. The rules had been scheduled to expire on October 27, 2018. 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(1), timely filing of this notice extended the expiration date of the chapter seven years from the date of filing.

Pursuant to the Solid Waste Management Act, N.J.S.A. 13:1E-1 et seq., and the Water Pollution Control Act, N.J.S.A. 58:10A-1 et seq., the Department administers a regulatory program for the use and management of sludge generated by domestic and industrial treatment works in a manner that

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protects public health and the environment. Of fundamental importance is the need to control sludge quality. Specifically, N.J.S.A. 58:10A-6.f(7) directs the Department to issue permits to limit concentrations of heavy metals, pesticides, organic chemicals and other contaminants in sludge in conformance with land-based sludge management criteria. The rules establish the sludge quality assurance reporting required of all domestic and industrial treatment works that generate sludge in the State of New Jersey, or that transport sludge into the State for use or disposal. The rules prescribe the method and frequency for reporting on the quantity, quality, and management method of sludge generated by such treatment works.