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Subject Annual Site Remediation Reform Act Program Fee Calculation Report

Pursuant to the Administrative Requirements for the Remediation of Contaminated Sites (ARRCS, N.J.A.C. 7:26C), the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) is to prepare each year an "Annual Site Remediation Reform Act Program Fee Calculation Report."

The report is to include the information contained in the annual budget submission to the Department of the Treasury, the numbers of contaminated areas of concern and of contaminated media, the base contaminated area of concern fee, the contaminated area of concern fee for each of the four categories, and the contaminated media fee that shall be due and payable. Additionally, the report is to include the factors used to calculate the remedial action permit fee for each remedial action permit activity, as well as the Annual Remedial Action Permit Fee for each type of Remedial Action Permit. A Notice is to be published in the New Jersey Register that includes a summary of the report and its Site Remediation Reform Act Program budget, and the NJDEP is also required to post the report on its website.

The Notice regarding the "Annual Site Remediation Reform Act Program Fee Calculation Report" was published in the June 3, 2024 New Jersey Register. Additional information is available on the NJDEP website at https://dep.nj.gov/srp/fees/.

Responsible parties should be aware that for Annual Remediation Fees and Annual Remedial Action Permit Fees, the fee listed on the invoice is applicable.

For persons completing an initial online Annual Remediation Fee Form for new cases, the form must be submitted by June 30, 2024 in order for the Fiscal Year 2024 annual remediation fees to apply. Forms submitted on or after July 1, 2024 will be subject to the Fiscal Year 2025 annual remediation fees.

For persons submitting Remedial Action Permit activity documents (application, modification, transfer, termination), the document must be administratively complete and postmarked by June 30, 2024 to apply the Fiscal Year 2024 fees. Documents submitted on or after July 1, 2024 will be required to apply the Fiscal Year 2025 fee.

Please be advised that the NJDEP has updated and posted the Ouick Reference Guides with the new fee amounts.

Also, please note that as of July 1, 2015, the NJDEP uses the convenience fee model for credit card payments. What this means is that a charge will be added to the user's credit card statement, but not as a separate line item. The convenience fee is set at 1.9% of the amount being charged + \$1.00. For example, if the NJDEP Fee is \$50.00, the charge on their credit card will appear as \$51.95 (where the convenience fee = \$1.95). There is no fee associated with using eCheck/EFT.

Additionally, the NJDEP has updated its Compliance Notification regarding post-no further action cases requiring a remedial action permit, available at https://dep.nj.gov/srp/enforcement/compliance/, to reflect applicable Fiscal Year 2025 remedial action permit fees.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is dedicated to protecting New Jersey's environment and public health. The agency prioritizes addressing climate change, protecting New Jersey's water, revitalizing its communities and managing and promoting its natural and historic resources.

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