

Phase-In Period for Use of Ground Water Remediation Standards N.J.A.C. 7:26D

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On February 3, 2025, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) promulgated updates to the Ground Water Quality Standards (N.J.A.C. 7:9(C)). Pursuant to The Remediation Standards at N.J.A.C 7:26D 2.2, the GWQS are incorporated by reference as the Remediation Standards for ground water.

As with previous remediation standard readoptions, the phase-in timeframe outlined in the Remediation Standards N.J.A.C. 7:26D-1.4(b) is applicable to the updated GWQS.

As such, the person responsible for conducting the remediation shall comply with the amended ground water remediation standards the Department adopted or developed on February 3, 2025 except as provided below. The exceptions provided may be applied only to a site or area of concern that does not have a final remediation document (i.e., a No Further Action letter or Remedial Action Outcome).

The person responsible of the remediation may continue to use the Ground Water Remediation Standards that were in effect prior to February 3, 2025 provided the conditions outlined in N.J.A.C 7:26D-7.2(e) are met (inclusive):

- The standard is not greater than or equal to an order of magnitude than the otherwise applicable remediation standard adopted in the February 3, 2025 version of the Remediation Standards (N.J.A.C. 7:26D);
- A remedial action workplan or a remedial action report containing standards or criteria developed for the site or an area of concern was submitted to the Department prior to August 3, 2025 (six months after the February 3, 2015 effective date of the updated GWQS);
- The above referenced remedial action workplan or remedial action report was either approved by the Department or certified by a Licensed Site Remediation Professional; and
- The person responsible for conducting the remediation completes the remedial action within the applicable remedial action regulatory timeframe pursuant to the Technical Requirements for Site Remediation, N.J.A.C. 7:26E-5.