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Re: Stakeholder Invitation - Regulations Governing the Certification of Laboratories and Environmental Measurements Rule Amendments, N.J.A.C. 7:18
1st Floor Public Hearing Room
401 East State Street
Trenton, NJ 08625-0420

Dear Stakeholder:

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is convening a stakeholder meeting to discuss potential amendments to the **Regulations Governing the Certification of Laboratories and Environmental Measurements** rule at N.J.A.C. 7:18.

The stakeholder meeting will be held on January 17, 2020 from 9 am-4 pm in the Public Hearing Room at DEP Headquarters located at 401 East State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625.

The Department is conducting this meeting to solicit input addressing the following topics:

- Timeframes
- Stakeholder Roles and Responsibilities
- General Provisions
- Program Procedures and Requirements
- General Equipment, Materials and Safety
- Specific Requirements for Environmental Sample Testing
- Reporting Requirements
- Records Management
- Sample Handling Requirements
- Administrative Penalties and Orders

An RVSP is requested for this event. Please respond via email to the Office of Quality Assurance (OQA) rule team at OQA@dep.nj.gov by January 3, 2020. If you are aware of any professional organization or certified laboratory that has an interest in this process and did not receive an invitation, please direct them to contact the OQA rule team at OQA@dep.nj.gov to request a formal invitation. Only one representative from each professional organization or each certified laboratory is invited to attend due to space limitations.

In accordance with the New Jersey Administrative Procedure Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 through 21 (P.L. 1995, c. 65), following the proposal of the rule changes, the submission of formal comments on the rule can be made by anyone during the announced comment period, to include proposed changes that may not have been explicitly addressed during the external stakeholder meeting.

We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michele M. Potter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michele" being the most prominent part.

Michele M. Potter, Manager
Bureau of Quality Assurance and Environmental Monitoring