

# SWQS Stakeholder Meeting

**November 21, 2024**

Dear Stakeholder,

You are cordially invited to participate in a New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) stakeholder meeting to share information, discuss and solicit input on the following anticipated amendments to the Surface Water Quality Standards (SWQS) at N.J.A.C. 7:9B:

- (1) New policies regarding significant figures and rounding;
- (2) Updated definitions for “carcinogen” and “noncarcinogen”;
- (3) Updates to human health criteria for 94 toxic substances at N.J.A.C. 7:9B-1.14(f)7, based on NJDEP’s review of [USEPA’s 2015 304\(a\) recommended criteria](#);
- (4) New freshwater criteria for 1,4-dioxane;
- (5) Revision to site-specific criteria language;
- (6) New freshwater and saline water criteria for PFNA, PFOA, and PFOS, and;
- (7) Revisions to the NJPDES rules at N.J.A.C. 7:14A-4 (Permit Application Requirements) to strengthen existing language that enables the Department to request quantitative data as part of an individual permit application.

The meeting agenda includes a review of changes from the August 2023 stakeholder meeting. The changes include revisions to fresh and/or saline criteria for 9 of the 94 toxic substances previously mentioned resulting from utilizing the Department’s new significant figures policy. Additionally, the changes include updated fresh and saline criteria for PFNA, PFOA, and PFOS based on drinking water exposure and fish consumption.

Information regarding this meeting, including an agenda and handout, will be posted at <https://dep.nj.gov/workgroups/swqs/> under “Surface Water Quality Standards Rules Stakeholder Workgroup Meetings”. For background information on Surface Water Quality Standards, please visit <https://dep.nj.gov/wms/bears/>.

Please join us:

**WHEN:** Thursday, November 21, 2024 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Microsoft Teams

**Register:** Please RSVP on the DEP Event Calendar, which will bring you to the registration materials. A Microsoft Teams link will be sent prior to the event.

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**

If you have any questions, please contact the NJDEP’s Bureau of Environmental Analysis, Restoration and Standards at 609 633-1441 or email at [swqs@dep.nj.gov](mailto:swqs@dep.nj.gov).

Thank you.