- 2. Placing an open guardrail along a public roadway
- 3. Removing sediment by hand adjacent to a bridge, culvert or outfall along a public roadway
- 4. Reconstructing a bridge superstructure above a flood hazard area
- (e) Activities associated with the storage of unsecured material
- 1. Temporary storage of construction material outside a floodway
- 2. Incidental storage of material associated with a residence
- 3. Incidental storage of material associated with a non-residence
- 4. Operating an existing business that stores and distributes material
- 5. Operating an existing hazardous waste facility
- 6. Operating an existing solid waste facility
- (f) Agricultural activities
- 1. Continuing ongoing agricultural activities that result in no fill
- 2. Commencing new agricultural activities that result in no fill
- 3. Undertaking soil conservation practices outside a floodway
- 4. Constructing an agricultural building of no more than 1,000 square feet outside a floodway

Public Notice.

See: 41 N.J.R. 2728(a), 3851(a), 4127(b).

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See: 41 N.J.R. 3168(a), 41 N.J.R. 4168(a), 42 N.J.R. 642(a), 42 N.J.R.

2066(b).

In Table A, added (b)19.

Public Notice.

See: 43 N.J.R. 1605(a).

## 7:13-7.2 Permits-by-rule

- (a) The permits-by-rule at (a)1 through 8 below apply to the specified construction and maintenance activities listed therein. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:13-7.1(d), prior written notice to the Department is required for each of these permits-by-rule.
  - 1. The reconstruction of a lawfully existing structure outside a floodway, provided:
    - i. The structure is not a habitable building;
    - ii. The structure is not a retaining wall that extends four feet or more above the ground;
    - iii. The reconstructed structure lies within the footprint of the existing structure and is not enlarged;
    - iv. The reconstruction is not a major development, as defined at N.J.A.C. 7:8-1.2, and is, therefore, not subject to the requirements of the Stormwater Management rules at N.J.A.C. 7:8;
    - v. No vegetation is cleared, cut or removed in a riparian zone, except for vegetation within 20 feet of the structure if such disturbance is necessary to facilitate its reconstruction; and
    - vi. All vegetated areas temporarily disturbed within the riparian zone are replanted with indigenous, noninvasive species upon completion of the regulated activity;
    - 2. Any construction activity, provided:
    - i. If the activity is located in a flood hazard area, all construction is situated at or below grade and the exist-

ing ground elevation is not raised (such as for the construction of a bicycle path, driveway, fishing or hunting area, garden, lawn, nature preserve, outdoor recreation area, park, parking area, picnic ground, playground, playing field, roadway, sidewalk or trail);

- ii. No disturbance related to the regulated activity is located within 25 feet of any top of bank or edge of water;
- iii. The construction activity is not a major development, as defined at N.J.A.C. 7:8-1.2, and is therefore not subject to the requirements of the Stormwater Management rules at N.J.A.C. 7:8;
- iv. No vegetation is cleared, cut or removed in a riparian zone, except where previous development or disturbance has occurred (such as an area maintained as a lawn or garden or an abandoned parking area that has partially revegetated); and
- v. All vegetated areas temporarily disturbed within the riparian zone are replanted with indigenous, noninvasive species upon completion of the regulated activity;
- 3. The elevation of a lawfully existing building outside a floodway, in order to reduce flood damage potential, provided:
  - i. The building to be elevated is not relocated;
  - ii. The lowest finished floor of the building is raised to at least one foot above the flood hazard area design flood elevation;
  - iii. The area below the lowest finished floor of the building is not used for habitation and remains open to floodwaters, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:13-11.5(*l*);
  - iv. No vegetation is cleared, cut or removed in a riparian zone, except for vegetation within 20 feet of the building if such disturbance is necessary to facilitate its elevation; and

- v. All vegetated areas temporarily disturbed within the riparian zone are replanted with indigenous, noninvasive species upon completion of the regulated activity;
- 4. The construction of an addition that is connected to a lawfully existing building outside a floodway, provided:
  - i. The addition has a footprint of no more than 300 square feet;
  - ii. No disturbance related to the regulated activity is located within 25 feet of any top of bank or edge of water;
    - iii. No part of the addition extends into a floodway;
  - iv. No vegetation is cleared, cut or removed in a riparian zone, except for vegetation within 20 feet of the addition if such disturbance is necessary to facilitate its construction; and
  - v. All vegetated areas temporarily disturbed within the riparian zone are replanted with indigenous, non-invasive species upon completion of the regulated activity;
- 5. The use of machinery to remove a major obstruction from a regulated water that cannot be removed by hand, such as a fallen tree, abandoned vehicle, furniture and other large debris, provided:
  - i. No trees are disturbed in the riparian zone to provide access to the channel and/or obstruction;
  - ii. The machinery is situated outside the regulated water where possible;
  - iii. The timing restrictions set forth at N.J.A.C. 7:13-10.5(d) are observed; and
  - iv. No fill material or accumulated sediment is removed from the regulated water;
- 6. The construction of a boat launching ramp, provided:
  - i. The ramp has a footprint of no more than 2,000 square feet;
    - ii. The ramp is constructed at or below grade;
  - iii. The timing restrictions set forth at N.J.A.C. 7:13-10.5(d) are observed;
  - iv. No more than 2,000 square feet of vegetation, including permanent and temporary disturbance, is cleared, cut or removed in a riparian zone; and
  - v. All vegetated areas temporarily disturbed within the riparian zone are replanted with indigenous, noninvasive species upon completion of the regulated activity;
- 7. The construction of an aquatic habitat enhancement device provided:

- i. The device is approved by the Department's Division of Fish and Wildlife, Bureau of Freshwater Fisheries;
- ii. The device will not cause erosion in the regulated water;
- iii. The device will not cause any rise in the flood hazard area design flood elevation outside the regulated water;
- iv. The device will not cause any existing building to be subject to increased flooding during any flood event up to and including the flood hazard area design flood:
- v. The timing restrictions set forth at N.J.A.C. 7:13-10.5(d) are observed;
- vi. No more than 2,000 square feet of vegetation, including permanent and temporary disturbance, is cleared, cut or removed in a riparian zone; and
- vii. All vegetated areas temporarily disturbed within the riparian zone are replanted with indigenous, noninvasive species upon completion of the regulated activity; and
- 8. The construction of a gauge, weir or other device to measure the depth, velocity and/or rate of flow in a regulated water provided:
  - i. The device is approved by the United States Geological Survey;
  - ii. The device will not cause erosion in the regulated water:
  - iii. The device will not cause any rise in the flood hazard area design flood elevation outside the regulated water;
  - iv. The device will not cause any existing building to be subject to increased flooding during any flood event up to and including the flood hazard area design flood;
  - v. The timing restrictions set forth at N.J.A.C. 7:13-10.5(d) are observed;
  - vi. No more than 2,000 square feet of vegetation, including permanent and temporary disturbance, is cleared, cut or removed in a riparian zone; and
  - vii. All vegetated areas temporarily disturbed within the riparian zone are replanted with indigenous, noninvasive species upon completion of the regulated activity.
- (b) The permits-by-rule at (b)1 through 19 below apply to the specified construction and maintenance activities listed therein.

