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Reimbursed Funds Cover Debris Removal From State Parks and Water Facilities Damage Caused by Storm Surge

**Trenton, NJ** – The Christie Administration announced today approval by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) of three large Public Assistance repair projects in response to damage caused by Hurricane Sandy.

### Department of Environmental Protection

FEMA has approved a Public Assistance project for \$2.6 million (\$1.9 million FEMA share) to reimburse New Jersey's Department of Environmental Protection for clearing various types of debris from state parks in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

The estimated 63,000 cubic yards of debris driven by the storm surge posed an immediate threat to lives, public health and safety.

### Middlesex County Utilities Authority Sayreville Pump Station Deflection Pumps

FEMA has approved a Public Assistance project for \$1.5 million (\$1.1 million FEMA share) to reimburse New Jersey's Middlesex County Utilities Authority for damage caused by Hurricane Sandy's storm surge.

The grant will fund installation and operation of a surge diversion facility to minimize surges to the severely damaged Sayreville Pump Station, which pumps sewage from 30 municipalities in Middlesex and Somerset counties.

**Emergency Sludge Removal – Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission** FEMA has approved a Public Assistance project for \$14.9 million (\$11.2 million FEMA share) to reimburse New Jersey's Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission after Hurricane Sandy's storm surge inundated the commission's wastewater treatment plant that serves 48 communities and treats 330 million gallons of raw sewage a day.

The electrical circuitry and switching of the sludge heat treatment process was damaged by the storm. An emergency contract was signed for dewatering sewage and delivering it by truck and rail to landfills.

Public Assistance is a cost-share program that reimburses local and county governments and certain nonprofit organizations for eligible disaster-related costs including emergency protective measures, debris removal and public infrastructure repair or replacement costs. The program is administered by the state of New Jersey.

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