

**CHAPTER 15**

**WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLANNING**

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Petition for Rulemaking: Requesting amendment to the process for review and amendment of Areawide Water Quality Management Plans and associated permits. See: 21 N.J.R. 3183(b).

Public Notice: Amendment to the Statewide Water Quality Management Program Plan. See: 21 N.J.R. 3184(a).

Public Notice: Opportunity for interested party review for rule amendments. See: 25 N.J.R. 411(a).

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**SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**7:15-1.1 Scope**

(a) This chapter prescribes water quality management policies and procedures established pursuant to the Water Quality Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 58:11A-1 et seq., the Water Pollution Control Act, N.J.S.A. 58:10A-1 et seq., and N.J.S.A. 13:1D-1 et seq. Specifically, this chapter prescribes policies and procedures concerning the following subjects:

1. The content of the continuing planning process ("CPP") and its relationship to this chapter and the Statewide Water Quality Management ("WQM") Plan;
2. The relationship between the Statewide, areawide, and county water quality management (WQM) plans and this chapter;
3. The role of the Department and designated planning agencies in WQM planning activities;
4. The review of projects and activities for consistency with WQM plans and this chapter, including the issuing of consistency determinations for specified kinds of projects;
5. The preparation, adoption, amendment, revision, and certification of WQM plans;
6. The adoption of other Department rules, wastewater facilities priority systems and project priority lists, sludge management plans, effluent limitations, wastewater management plans, 201 Facilities Plans, and other documents in WQM Plans;
7. Coordination of WQM planning with Coastal Zone, Hackensack Meadowlands, and Pinelands programs;
8. Mechanisms to resolve conflicts among State agencies, designated planning agencies, applicants, and other parties affected by this chapter;
9. Selected aspects of wastewater management, including treatment works deemed to be consistent with WQM plans and this chapter; WQM Plan amendment requirements for treatment works not identified in WQM plans; construction of individual subsurface sewage disposal systems and other small domestic treatment works in future sewer service areas; and eligibility for financial assistance.
10. The identification of WQM plan amendments that require the adoption or amendment of wastewater management plans in areawide WQM plans;
11. The assignment of the duty to prepare and update wastewater management plans to certain sewerage agencies and municipalities, and the establishment of alternative assignments of such wastewater management plan responsibility; and
12. The required contents of wastewater management plans, and schedules and procedures for their submission, adoption, and updating.

Administrative Correction to (a)9: Changed "septic" to "subsurface sewage disposal".  
 See: 22 N.J.R. 2001(b).  
 Amended by R.1993, d.59, effective February 1, 1993.  
 See: 24 N.J.R. 344(b), 25 N.J.R. 547(a).  
 In (a)9, deleted reference to NJPDES permittees required for certain domestic treatment works.