

CHAPTER 14

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT

Authority

N.J.S.A. 13:1B-3 et seq., 13:1D-1 et seq., 13:1E-1 et seq.,
58:10-23.11 et seq., 58:10A-1 et seq., 58:11-49 et seq.,
58:11A-1 et seq., and 58:12A-1 et seq.

Source and Effective Date

R.2004 d.405, effective October 5, 2004.
See: 36 N.J.R. 2323(a), 36 N.J.R. 4928(a).

Chapter Expiration Date

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 1(2010), the chapter expiration date is extended from April 3, 2010 until the completion of the review of administrative regulations and rules by the Red Tape Review Group, and until such time as the extended regulation or rule is readopted pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq.

Chapter Historical Note

Chapter 14, Water Pollution Control Act, was adopted as R.1977 d.268, effective July 27, 1977. See: 9 N.J.R. 259(a), 9 N.J.R. 418(c).

Subchapter 7, Ocean Dumping Alternative Development, was adopted as R.1977 d.458, effective December 2, 1977. See: 9 N.J.R. 460(b), 10 N.J.R. 10(b).

Subchapter 8, Assessment of Civil Administrative Penalties, was adopted as R.1979 d.111, effective March 15, 1979. See: 10 N.J.R. 533(a), 11 N.J.R. 173(c).

Subchapter 4, Sludge Quality Assurance, was adopted as R.1979 d.419, effective October 18, 1979. See: 11 N.J.R. 274(d), 11 N.J.R. 544(e).

Subchapter 5, Statewide Management of Septage Disposal, was adopted as R.1980 d.277, effective June 23, 1980. See: 12 N.J.R. 111(c), 12 N.J.R. 462(a).

Subchapter 1, General Provisions, and Subchapter 3, NJPDES Permits, were repealed, and Subchapter 2, Approval of Facilities for Prevention, Collection, Treatment or Discharge of Pollutants, was recodified as N.J.A.C. 7:14A-12 by R.1981 d.84, effective March 6, 1981. See: 12 N.J.R. 569(f), 13 N.J.R. 194(c).

Subchapter 2, Construction of Wastewater Treatment Facilities, was adopted as R.1982, d.338, effective October 18, 1982. See: 14 N.J.R. 75(a), 14 N.J.R. 1155(b), 15 N.J.R. 440(b).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Subchapter 8, Assessment of Civil Administrative Penalties, was readopted as R.1984 d.189, effective May 21, 1984. See: 16 N.J.R. 181(b), 16 N.J.R. 1225(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Subchapter 5, Statewide Management of Septage Disposal, expired on June 23, 1985.

Subchapter 8, Assessment of Civil Administrative Penalties, was repealed and Subchapter 8, Civil Administrative Penalties and Requests for Adjudicatory Hearings, was adopted as new rules by R.1988 d.380, effective August 1, 1988. See: 20 N.J.R. 455(a), 20 N.J.R. 1884(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 14, Water Pollution Control Act, was readopted as R.1989 d.282, effective April 27, 1989, and Subchapter 7, Ocean Dumping Alternative Development, was repealed by R.1989 d.282, effective June 5, 1989. See: 21 N.J.R. 373(a), 21 N.J.R. 1530(a).

Petition for Rulemaking. See: 23 N.J.R. 622(b) and (c).

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

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 14, Water Pollution Control Act, was readopted as R.1994 d.256, effective April 27, 1994. See: 26 N.J.R. 1038(a), 26 N.J.R. 2459(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Subchapter 2, Construction of Wastewater Treatment Facilities, and Subchapter 8, Civil Administrative Penalties and Requests for Adjudicatory Hearings, were readopted as R.1999 d.163, effective April 26, 1999, and Appendix D, Wording of Financial Assurance Documents, was recodified as Appendix A by R.1999 d.163, effective May 17, 1999. See: 31 N.J.R. 508(b), 31 N.J.R. 1314(b). See, also, section annotations.

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Subchapter 4, Sludge Quality Assurance, was readopted as R.1999 d.164, effective April 26, 1999, and Subchapter 4, Sludge Quality Assurance, was recodified as N.J.A.C. 7:14C by R.1999 d.164, effective May 17, 1999, Appendix A, DEP Laboratory Methods, Appendix B, Domestic Wastewater Sludge Report, Appendix C, Priority Pollutants, Appendix A-1, Sludge Report, Appendix A-2, Heavy Metals and Selected Chemical Parameters, Appendix A-3, Toxic Organic Compounds, Appendix A-4, Industrial Process Wastewater Sludge Report, Appendix A-5, Pretreatment Facilities Fact Profile, Appendix B-1, Heavy Metals and Toxic Organic Compounds, Appendix B-2, Toxic Pollutants, and Appendix C, Separation of Liquid and Solid Phases for Analysis of Inorganic and Organic Components, were repealed by R.1999 d.164, effective May 17, 1999. See: 31 N.J.R. 200(a), 31 N.J.R. 1320(a).

Chapter 14, Water Pollution Control Act, was readopted as R.2004 d.405, effective October 5, 2004. See: Source and Effective Date.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1c, Chapter 14, Water Pollution Control Act, was scheduled to expire on April 3, 2010. See: 41 N.J.R. 3776(a).

Law Review and Journal Commentaries

Limitations on state agency authority to adopt environmental standards more stringent than federal standards: Policy considerations and interpretive problems. Jerome M. Organ, 54 Md.L.Rev. 1373 (1995).

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SUBCHAPTER 1. (RESERVED)

SUBCHAPTER 2. CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES

7:14-2.1 Construction procedures

The Department shall require and adhere to the procedures identified in this subchapter. Actions or procedures by owners, permittees, consultants, contractors, or other persons affected by this subchapter which are not in accordance with this subchapter shall not be acceptable to the Department. Where applicable, the Department may grant a waiver from any requirement of this subchapter upon presentation of written justification by the owner, permittee, consultant or contractor.

Amended by R.1999 d.163, effective May 17, 1999.
See: 31 N.J.R. 508(b), 31 N.J.R. 1314(b).

Substituted references to the Department for references to the Division and substituted references to this subchapter for references to this chapter throughout.

7:14-2.2 Record drawings; collector sewers, interceptor sewers and force mains

(a) The owner shall be responsible for the preparation of all record drawings required for sewer lines. This responsibility may be delegated to the owner's representative with adequate compensation for this service.

(b) This responsibility shall not be delegated or transferred to the contractor. The contractor shall assist the owner/engineer, by providing record information, when requested, during the progress of the work.

7:14-2.3 Permits

(a) Federal, State, county and municipal permits required as a result of the construction activity within the delineated site shall be obtained by the owner and associated fees shall be paid by the owner. In addition, permits required for construction activities on railroad properties shall be obtained by the owner.

(b) Exceptions to this section shall be a permit to use explosives for rock excavation and such other permits which by law are required to be obtained by the contractor.

(c) The owner shall make every reasonable effort to identify permits and fees and costs required as a result of the construction activity in effect 60 days prior to the receipt of construction bids. This responsibility may be delegated to the owner's engineer with adequate compensation for this service. The engineer shall be held harmless from any penalty or action resulting from the failure to obtain a permit where every reasonable effort has been made by the engineer to obtain such permits. Conditions made a part of any permit shall be imposed upon the contractor as described in the contract or bid documents. Additional costs associated with a permit resulting from the construction activity which is beyond that stipulated in the contract shall be the responsibility of the contractor.

(d) Whenever necessary or appropriate the contractor shall assist the owner in the acquisition of permits.

(e) The Department may intercede and assist in the resolution of any problems resulting from the acquisition of any permits.

7:14-2.4 Easements/rights-of-way

An interruption of construction or an extension of contract time may be a basis for a claim by a contractor for additional cost when such interruption or extension is caused by the owner's inability to obtain an easement/right-of-way. Claims shall include any reasonable cost incurred by the contractor and shall be reviewed and approved by the owner prior to submission to the Department. The Department may approve all, any portion, or deny the cost for eligibility for projects funded under the Grant Program.