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Making You Aware of Anticipated Enforcement Activities

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DEP Waterway Enforcement Team To Conduct Surveillance of the Lower Passaic River

Who is affected by this initiative?

All industrial and commercial facilities located on or near the banks of the Lower Passaic River in Bergen, Passaic and Essex Counties, from Dundee Dam to Newark Bay.

Why is DEP targeting this area?

Historic and current uses have prompted the DEP to target this area of the Passaic River. The DEP will be looking for facilities that are operating without the appropriate environmental permits as well as monitoring sewer system outfall points.

What is DEP doing?

The Waterway Enforcement Team (WET) is comprised of water, land use and solid waste enforcement staff which conduct targeted surveillance of selected waterways in an effort to determine compliance with water pollution, land use, and solid waste laws and regulations. The WET may also identify air pollution and hazardous waste violations. This summer, the WET will conduct surveillance from the Passaic River with vessels provided by the New Jersey Division of Fish & Wildlife, the Hackensack Riverkeeper and the New York – New Jersey Baykeeper. If violations are identified, the WET will issue a Notice of Violation to the alleged violator. The Notice of Violation would normally require the responsible party to take remedial actions to abate the environmental problems identified. Some Notices of Violations may result in the issuance of a formal enforcement action, which may include an administrative penalty.

What should I do?

If you operate a facility in the targeted area, you should determine if your facility is conducting a regulated activity without the appropriate environmental permits. You should also conduct a site inspection of your facility to determine if there are any potential violations. Such violations may include the inappropriate storage or accumulation of solid waste, the discharge of wastewater or industrial stormwater to the Passaic River, or construction activities near the banks of the Passaic River.

Who should I contact with questions?

Any wastewater or industrial stormwater related questions, please contact:

Northern Bureau of Water Compliance and Enforcement

973-656-4099

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Any solid waste related questions, please contact:

Bureau of Solid Waste Management

609-584-4180

Any land use related questions, please contact:

Bureau of Coastal and Land Use Enforcement

609-292-1240

Where can I get more information?

The following web site can be accessed for additional information:

<http://www.nj.gov/dep/enforcement/wet.html>

Please note this advisory is intended to be a summary explanation of a department initiative. It does not include all potentially applicable requirements. If you have any questions related to compliance with this initiative, please contact the Enforcement numbers listed above.