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IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING COVID-19 EMERGENCY

PERMIT EXTENSION ELIGIBILITY

Take notice that in accordance with the Permit Extension Act (PEA) of 2020 (P.L.2020, c.53), soil conservation district certifications of soil erosion and sediment control plans in existence on March 9, 2020 are eligible to have the running of the period of approval automatically suspended for the COVID-19 extension period. This is the period beginning March 9, 2020 and continuing for as long as a public health emergency, pursuant to the “Emergency Health Powers Act,” P.L.2005, c.222 (C.26:13-1 et seq.), that has been declared by the Governor in response to COVID-19, is in effect. The tolling shall extend the certification of plans at least six months beyond the conclusion of the COVID-19 extension period.

Any certification eligible to be subject to the automatic suspension of the running of the period of approval for the COVID-19 extension period must be registered, by the Permittee, with the New Jersey Department of Environmental. The running period of any certification not registered with the Department of Environmental Protection shall not be suspended for the COVID-19 extension period. The extension shall not apply if a new certification or recertification is required due to changes to the plan or project since March 9, 2020.

Eligible applicants MUST use this NJDEP e-portal form to register to be considered covered under the Permit Extension Act 2020.

<https://www.nj.gov/dep/pea2020/>

The signup deadline is October 8, 2020*

***Since the End Date of the PEA is dependent on the continuation of the COVID-19 health emergency, any permit holder that anticipates falling within the time period of eligibility should register.**

Any applicant not registering by that date is ineligible for coverage under the PEA

For additional information, see the NJDEP notice of this action at [52 N.J.R. 1682\(b\)](#).

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