



Applications Being Accepted for the 2009 Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards

What are the Environmental Excellence Awards?

The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) is pleased to announce the application process for the 2009 Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards (GEEA). Now in its 10th year, this program was established by the Department to recognize outstanding environmental performance, programs and projects in the state. Each year one award is given in the following nine categories:

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| Clean Air | Innovative Technology | Environmental Education/Student Led Project |
| Water Resources | Land Conservation | Sustainable and Healthy Communities |
| Healthy Ecosystems | Environmental Stewardship | Environmental Leadership |

The Clean Water New Jersey Program category awards are included again this year. The Clean Water New Jersey Program promotes statewide stormwater education to reduce the amount of pollution entering the state's surface and ground waters. These awards recognize those municipalities, public complexes, and highway agencies permitted under the Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program that either go above and beyond the basic permit requirements; and/or have developed innovative approaches that have resulted in more efficient processes, significant cost savings, or mechanisms that promote cost-sharing or shared services while providing enhanced protection for water quality. One award will be given in each of the following four categories:

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| Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit | Public Complex Stormwater General Permit |
| Tier B Municipal Stormwater General Permit | Highway Agency Stormwater General Permit |

Who is Eligible?

Nominations will be accepted from individuals, organizations, municipalities or businesses. You may nominate yourself or your company/organization as well as another company, individual or organization you believe is worthy of recognition. Self nominations in the Environmental Stewardship and Environmental Leadership categories will not be accepted.

Applicants/ projects must:

- 1) Be located in New Jersey, and;
- 2) Be active within the past year, and;
- 3) Agree to have their project shared with others through a written description to appear in an awards program and on the GEEA Web site (www.nj.gov/dep/eeawards/).

Third party nominations must be accompanied by a written authorization from the nominated party agreeing to consideration for the award. Applications may not be submitted by employees of the Department. Moreover, the Department, other State agencies and their employees are not eligible for awards.

Nominations for the Clean Water New Jersey Program Award category will be accepted from those entities currently authorized to discharge stormwater under the Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit, Tier B Municipal Stormwater General Permit, Public Complex Stormwater General Permit or Highway Agency Stormwater General Permit.

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Applicants/projects must:

- 1) Be able to certify that they have not had any past enforcement actions, and;
- 2) Agree to have their program information shared with others through written material distributed by the Department.

How can I participate?

GEEA

Download an application at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/eeawards/>. Apply electronically or submit three copies of your application and responses to the five judging criteria to the NJDEP Office of the Commissioner, at the address below, by close of business on September 18, 2009.

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Office of the Commissioner
P.O. Box 402
Trenton, New Jersey 08625
Attention: Barbara Marshall

Clean Water New Jersey Program

Download an application at <http://www.cleanwaternj.org/> and submit your application and supporting materials by close of business on September 18, 2009 to:

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water Quality
Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control
PO Box 029
Trenton, NJ 08625
Attention: Tara Wood

Award recipients will be notified in November 2009 and the awards will be presented at a ceremony hosted by the Governor in December.

Who should I contact with questions?

For further information on the GEEA, contact Dean Anderson in the Office of the Commissioner at (609) 292-2885. For further information on the Clean Water New Jersey Program, contact Tara Wood of the Division of Water Quality at (609) 633-7021.

Where can I get more information?

The following web sites can be accessed for additional information regarding this advisory:

Clean Water New Jersey

<http://www.cleanwaternj.org/>

Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards

<http://www.nj.gov/dep/eeawards/>

Visit the following Web site for general information:

Contact NJDEP: <http://www.nj.gov/cqi-bin/dep/contactdep.pl>

To comment on this advisory:

<http://www.nj.gov/dep/enforcement/survey.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 numbers listed above.