



Hazardous Waste to Propose Grace Period Rule

Who is affected by this initiative?

Any person or business that generates, transports, recycles or disposes of hazardous waste within New Jersey should be aware of this proposal.

What is occurring that may help me?

The Grace Period proposal categorizes violations of the Hazardous Waste Rules (N.J.A.C. 7:26G-1 et seq.) as either minor or non-minor. For minor violations, the proposal establishes a period during which compliance can be achieved without the threat of fines or formal enforcement action. The rule also outlines specific standardized procedures for regulating solid waste by further defining the penalties for non-compliance. The proposed grace period is intended to encourage compliance as well as foster a greater sense of cooperation between the DEP and the regulated community.

How can I participate?

A stakeholder meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 13, 2004, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Rutgers University Eco Complex, Florence Township, Burlington County. During this meeting, DEP representatives will summarize the proposal and offer an opportunity for comments and questions. Participation after the rule is adopted is automatic. On the effective date of the rule, its provisions will be applied upon the discovery of any violations.

Whom should I contact with questions?

Bureau of Hazardous Waste Compliance and Enforcement

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Where can I get more information?

Visit the following Web sites for additional information:

Draft Grace Period proposal: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/rules/opr/hwgpruler.pdf> (NOTE: THIS IS A COURTESY COPY OF THIS RULE PROPOSAL. THE OFFICIAL VERSION WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE May 2, 2005 NEW JERSEY REGISTER. SHOULD THERE BE ANY DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN THIS TEXT AND THE OFFICIAL VERSION OF THE PROPOSAL, THE OFFICIAL VERSION WILL GOVERN.)

Directions to the Eco Complex: <http://ecocomplex.rutgers.edu/directions.html>

Please note this advisory is intended to be a summary explanation of a DEP initiative. It does not include all potentially applicable requirements. If you have any questions about complying with this initiative, please contact Compliance & Enforcement at (609) 584-4250.