



## **DEP Announces New Compliance Assistance Resource: "EZ Inspect-How To Have A Successful New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Compliance Inspection"**

### **Who is affected by this initiative?**

The regulated community as well as anyone who may become involved with the DEP's Compliance & Enforcement process.

### **Why would I need help?**

The compliance and enforcement process can be intimidating, however the purpose is simply to protect human health and the environment. While state law mandates fines for egregious violations, our primary goal at DEP is to work with the regulated community to prevent violations before they happen and to correct them if they should occur. Knowing what to expect during and after an inspection may help to reduce the apprehension people have about the inspection process.

### **What is it?**

As part of an effort to better explain our process to the regulated community, the department has crafted a guide to our compliance and enforcement practices entitled "EZ Inspect-How To Have A Successful New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Compliance Inspection". The hope is that this guide will simplify the process of an enforcement inspection. It is not intended to be program/media specific or contain all of the applicable regulations or requirements. EZ Inspect focuses on general questions and has contact information listed at the end of the guide so you may contact the appropriate office for answers to your specific questions. Some of the questions answered include:

- What should I expect when an inspector arrives at my facility?
- Why is my business being inspected?
- What should I do to be prepared for the inspection?
- Who should accompany the inspector on the inspection?
- What happens if an inspector finds a violation?
- Will I get a penalty?
- What happens after the inspection?

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## Who should I contact with questions?

For questions specific to EZ Inspect please contact:

**Bureau of Enforcement and Compliance Services**

**(609)292-6549**

For all other questions, please contact the appropriate program office as detailed in the guide.

## Where can I get more information?

**Visit the following Web site for additional information regarding this advisory:**

Copy of the guide: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/enforcement/ezinspect.html>

Other compliance assistance resources: <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/enforcement/ca-intro.html>

**Visit the following Web site for general information:** <http://www.nj.gov/cgi-bin/dep/contactdep.pl>

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 related to participation with this initiative, please contact the number listed above.