



Applications Being Accepted for the 2011 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 2011 Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards (GEEA). This program was established by the Department to recognize outstanding environmental performance, programs and projects in the state by businesses, municipalities, institutions, individuals and others. 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 also included in this awards program. 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?

GEEA 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/).

Applications may not be submitted by employees of the NJDEP. Moreover, the NJDEP, 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, and;
- 3) Be submitted only by 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.

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 13, 2011.

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Office of the Commissioner
Mail Code 401-07
P.O. Box 402
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0402
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 October 31, 2011 to:

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water Quality
Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control
Mail Code 401-02A
PO Box 029
Trenton, NJ 08625-0029
Attention: Toni Heater

Award recipients will be notified in November 2011 and the awards will be presented at a ceremony in late fall.

Who should I contact with questions?

For further information on the GEEA, contact Dean Anderson in the Office of the Commissioner at (609) 777-1949. For further information on the Clean Water New Jersey Program, contact Toni Heater of Water Resource Management at (609) 984-5575.

Where can I get more information?

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

Clean Water New Jersey
Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards
General NJDEP information:
To comment on this advisory:

<http://www.cleanwaternj.org/>
<http://www.nj.gov/dep/eeawards/>
<http://www.nj.gov/cgi-bin/dep/contactdep.pl>
<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.