Take notice that the Department of Environmental Protection informed Governor Chris Christie that the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act Rules, N.J.A.C. 7:38, expired on November 2, 2013, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.

The Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act Rules establish the environmental standards and procedures by which the Department shall review any application pursuant to the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 13:20-1, et seq., including major Highlands development proposed in the preservation area of the Highlands Region, waivers from any requirement for a Highlands Preservation Area approval, any resource or applicability determination or exemption from the Act, and any permit or plan reviewed by the Department in the Highlands Region.

By the authority vested in him pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1d(2), Governor Chris Christie, on November 7, 2013, directed that the effectiveness of the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act Rules be restored as of its expiration date and the expiration date for N.J.A.C. 7:38 be extended from November 2, 2013 to December 31, 2015.

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