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MEMORANDUM

To: Pinelands Mayors (c/o Pinelands Municipal Clerks)

From: Nancy Wittenberg, Executive Director 

Date: August 7, 2020

Subject: Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan

The New Jersey Pinelands Commission, in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP), will conduct a public hearing on **proposed** amendments to the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan. These amendments revise the Commission's Pilot Program for Alternate Design Wastewater Treatment Systems by authorizing one advanced treatment technology for permanent use and removing two other technologies from the program. The amendments also clarify standards for the use of advanced treatment technologies by nonresidential development.

The amendments were distributed to all Pinelands municipalities on July 14, 2020 and published as a formal rule proposal in the July 20, 2020 issue of the New Jersey Register. The proposal is also posted on the Commission's web page at:

<https://www.nj.gov/pinelands/cmp/amend/final%20septic%20rule%20proposal.pdf>

The hearing will be held remotely at 9:30 a.m. on **Wednesday, September 2, 2020.**

The enclosed public notice includes instructions for viewing the public hearing and submitting oral testimony. Written testimony may be submitted by email (preferred) through the Commission's web site at <https://www.state.nj.us/pinelands/home/contact/public.shtml> or via facsimile at (609) 894-7330 or sent directly to the Pinelands Commission office, P.O. Box 359, New Lisbon, New Jersey 08064 no later than **September 18, 2020.**

After the public comment period has ended and we have had an opportunity to review any comments received, we hope to present a final set of amendments for the Commission's consideration and adoption this fall.

The Commission welcomes municipal input. Please contact our office if you have any questions or need additional information.

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Enclosure: Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:50-7, the New Jersey Pinelands Commission will hold a public hearing on proposed regulatory amendments to the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP). These amendments revise the Commission's Pilot Program for Alternate Design Wastewater Treatment Systems by authorizing one advanced treatment technology for permanent use and removing two other technologies from the program. The amendments also clarify standards for the use of advanced treatment technologies by nonresidential development.

The hearing will be conducted remotely. To view the hearing live, log on to <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBgpC8sbR3Acrjo7ppxs3Uw>. After clicking the link, you will be logged on to the Commission's public channel on YouTube, where you will see an option to watch the hearing live. The public can provide comment during the hearing by calling (929) 205-6099 and using Meeting ID: 851 4873 7326.

DATE: Wednesday, September 2, 2020
TIME: 9:30 AM

A quorum of the Commission may be present at the hearing, but no formal action will be taken.

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All written comments must be received by **September 18, 2020** and must include the name and mailing address of the commenter. Commenters who do not wish their names and affiliations to be published in any notice of adoption subsequently prepared by the Commission should so indicate when they submit their comments.

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