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Dear Clerk:

Please see the attached NJDEP Press Release regarding Snow Removal Guidelines.

NOTE: - the Snow/Storm button referred to in the last paragraph will be on-line shortly. Below are additional websites that you may find useful.

Snow Removal Guidelines <http://www.nj.gov/dep/snowremoval.html>

Snow Removal and Disposal Policy http://www.nj.gov/dep/dwq/pdf/snow_removal.pdf.

Highway Agency Stormwater Guidance http://www.nj.gov/dep/dwq/highway_guidance.htm (See Chapter 11, page 81).

Finally, the second attached notice was sent out to your stormwater coordinator.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the programs directly and never hesitate to contact me regarding other NJDEP issues.

Sincerely,

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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WITH SIGNIFICANT SNOWFALL PREDICTED, DEP REMINDS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ON STEPS FOR PROPER SNOW REMOVAL

(15/P10) TRENTON - With much of the state expected to see significant snowfall, the Department of Environmental Protection is reminding local and county governments on steps they can take to keep roadways and neighborhoods as safe and clear as possible while protecting the environment both during and after the storm.

The DEP is reminding governments to select snow disposal sites on upland areas, as far away as possible from water bodies and wetlands to protect these ecologically sensitive areas as much as possible from road salt and other potential contaminants.

If governments have no other option due to the volume of the snow and public safety needs, the DEP will consider authorizing disposal of snow in certain larger waterways in emergency situations and on a case-by-case basis only. Such exceptions must be approved by DEP first.

Authorizations to place snow into surface waters can be requested by contacting the DEP Hotline at: **1-877-WARNDEP (1-877-927-6337)**. They will be restricted to municipalities and counties just for this specific event. This option is not available to private businesses or residents.

Factors to be considered would include the size of the water body, presence of environmentally sensitive areas, flow of the waterway, amount of floating ice or snow this will cause, impact on downstream dams, and impact on channels being blocked.

Excess snow cannot be dumped in wetlands, small streams, waters that contain shellfish beds or drinking water reservoirs.

DEP approval is required for excess snow disposal, and noted that unapproved disposal into waterways is not permissible because there may be unknown contaminants in the snow that could pollute waterways.

All cities, towns and counties statewide have been notified by the DEP of this potential arrangement for emergency storm events.

“Protecting the state’s rivers, bays and lakes, as part of our water supply, is a priority,” said DEP Assistant Commissioner for Water Resources Dan Kennedy. “Any town, city or county that wants to put mass amounts of snow in our waters must get DEP approval.”

Assistant Commissioner Kennedy also stressed that clearance of snow from storm drains should be a top priority for road crews to allow for proper drainage of melting snow and avert flooding.

Authorities that own and maintain combined sewer outfalls are also advised to make sure that nets designed to trap trash and other floatables are checked and cleared, if necessary, to allow for proper drainage when the snow melts.

For more information on snow removal guidelines and state policy on snow removal, visit: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/snowremoval.html>

For other storm-related information from DEP, including information on impacts on state parks and historic sites, visit the DEP's home page at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/> and click on the Storm Info button.

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New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

WINTER STORM EVENT Jan. 26-27, 2015

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Road crews are advised to make sure storm drains are clear to allow for drainage of meltwater. Operators of combined sewer outfalls are also advised to keep those outfalls clear to ensure proper drainage.

PARKS AND HISTORIC SITES

The State Park Service is implementing its emergency operations plan in anticipation of significant snowfall and high winds. Parks will be closed if conditions deteriorate as expected. Any campers will be advised to leave. No camping will be permitted until deemed safe to do so.

Maintenance crews will keep critical areas open. Clearing for recreational activities such as skiing and hunting will be addressed as soon as conditions permit.

For more information on State Parks and Forests, including any available park-specific advisories, please visit: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/>

SITE REMEDIATION

In anticipation of the snow storm expected to impact New Jersey Monday morning through Tuesday afternoon, those responsible for contaminated sites, please evaluate any remediation cases for which you are responsible to ensure that they are as ready as practicable for this storm.

This includes securing the site for anticipated large accumulations of snow, high winds possibly gusting to 50 mph, flooding, and loss of power to remediation systems.

Whether you are the person responsible for conducting the remediation or the licensed site remediation professional retained, all efforts should be made to prevent new discharges at your site and to maintain active remediation systems. Any discharges of hazardous substances are required to be reported to the DEP Hotline at **877-WARNDEP (1-877-927-6337)**.

Subsequent to the storm, all sites should be re-evaluated to determine if any immediate environmental concerns needing action arose and whether site conditions changed requiring reevaluation of impacts to receptors.

If you have topic-specific questions regarding site remediation, please refer to the SRP contact list, available at http://www.nj.gov/dep/srp/srra/srra_contacts.htm

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

New Jersey Office of Emergency Management: <http://www.state.nj.us/njoem/>

New Jersey Board of Public Utilities: www.state.nj.us/bpu/

National Weather Service: www.weather.gov/phi/

New Jersey Department of Health: www.state.nj.us/health/

