

[CORRECTED COPY]
CHAPTER 285

AN ACT concerning the New Jersey Statewide Water Supply Plan, and amending and supplementing P.L.1981, c.262, and making an appropriation.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. Section 13 of P.L.1981, c.262 (C.58:1A-13) is amended to read as follows:

C.58:1A-13 New Jersey Statewide Water Supply Plan.

13. a. The department shall prepare and adopt the New Jersey Statewide Water Supply Plan, which plan shall be revised and updated at least once every five years.

b. The plan shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

(1) An identification of existing Statewide and regional ground and surface water supply sources, both interstate and intrastate, and the current usage thereof;

(2) Projections of Statewide and regional water supply demands for the duration of the plan;

(3) Recommendations for improvements to existing State water supply facilities, the construction of additional State water supply facilities, and for the interconnection or consolidation of existing water supply systems, both interstate and intrastate;

(4) Recommendations for the diversion or use of fresh surface or ground waters and saline surface or ground waters for aquaculture purposes;

(5) Recommendations for legislative and administrative actions to provide for the maintenance and protection of watershed areas;

(6) Identification of lands purchased by the State for water supply facilities that currently are not actively used for water supply purposes, including, but not limited to, the Six Mile Run Reservoir Site, with recommendations as to the future use of these lands for water supply purposes within or outside of the planning horizon for the plan; and

(7) Recommendations for administrative actions to ensure the protection of ground and surface water quality and water supply sources.

c. Prior to adopting the plan, including any revisions and updates thereto, the department shall:

(1) Prepare and make available to all interested persons a copy of the proposed plan or proposed revisions and updates to the current plan;

(2) Conduct public meetings in the several geographic areas of the State on the proposed plan or proposed revisions and updates to the current plan; and

(3) Consider the comments made at these meetings, make any revisions to the proposed plan or proposed revisions and updates to the current plan as it deems necessary, and adopt the plan.

d. Prior to the adoption of any revision to the New Jersey Statewide Water Supply Plan pursuant to this section, the department shall consult with the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council, established pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2004, c.120 (C.13:20-4), concerning the possible effects and impact of the plan upon the Highlands regional master plan, adopted pursuant to section 8 of P.L.2004, c.120 (C.13:20-8), and the water and other natural resources of the Highlands Region, as defined in section 3 of P.L.2004, c.120 (C.13:20-3).

C.58:1A-13.3 Preparation, adoption of revisions, updates to New Jersey Statewide Water Supply Plan.

2. a. The department shall prepare and adopt appropriate revisions and updates to the current New Jersey Statewide Water Supply Plan no later than December 31, 2006 pursuant to the provisions of section 13 of P.L.1981, c.262 (C.58:1A-13).

b. In its preparation of proposed revisions and updates to the current plan, the department shall consult with the New Jersey Water Supply Authority established pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1981, c.293 (C.58:1B-4) and the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust created pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-4), as appropriate, as well as with the public and private water purveyors.

3. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection from the "Water Supply Fund" created pursuant to the "Water Supply Bond Act of 1981," P.L.1981, c.261, as amended by P.L.1983, c.355 and P.L.1997, c.223, the sum of \$2,500,000 to revise and update

the New Jersey Statewide Water Supply Plan as provided in section 2 of P.L.2005, c.285.

4. The expenditure of the sum appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2005, c.285) is subject to the provisions and conditions of P.L.1981, c.261, as amended by P.L.1983, c.355 and P.L.1997, c.223, and any regulations adopted by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection pursuant thereto.

5. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 9, 2006.