

DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Commission Meeting and Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Delaware River Basin Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 9, 1998. The hearing will be part of the Commission's regular business meeting which is open to the public and scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. in the Goddard Conference Room of the Commission's offices at 25 State Police Drive, West Trenton, New Jersey.

An informal conference among the Commissioners and staff will be held at 10 a.m. at the same location and will include a Corps of Engineers presentation on section 22 proposals as well as discussions of correspondence concerning upper Basin reservoir releases and proposals for interim reorganization and formation of a Watershed Council.

In addition to the subjects summarized below which are scheduled for public hearing at the business meeting, the Commission will also address the following: Minutes of the October 7, 1998 business meeting; announcements; report on Basin hydrologic conditions; reports by the Executive Director and General Counsel; consideration of resolutions concerning interim DRBC reorganization, establishment of a Water Management Advisory Committee, contract with the Northeast/Midwest Institute, interstate river basin commissions' role in Clean Water Action Plan and public dialogue.

The subjects of the hearing will be as follows:

Current Expense and Capital Budgets. A proposed current expense budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, in the aggregate amount of \$4,106,600 and a capital budget reflecting revenues of \$2,508,748 and expenditures of \$2,331,242. Copies of the current expense and capital budgets are available from the Commission on request by contacting Richard C. Gore at (609) 883-9500 ext. 201.

Applications for Approval of the Following Projects Pursuant to Article 10.3, Article 11 and/or Section 3.8 of the Compact:

1. *Summit Hill Water Authority D-84-3 CP RENEWAL 2.* An application for the renewal of a ground water withdrawal project to supply up to 13.8 million gallons (mg)/30 days of water to the applicant's distribution system from Well Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4. Commission approval on December 14, 1988 was limited to 10 years and will expire unless renewed. The applicant requests

that the total withdrawal from all wells remain limited to 13.8 mg/30 days. The project is located in Summit Hill Borough, Carbon County, Pennsylvania.

2. *New Jersey-American Water Company D-90-108 CP Revised.* An application to revise an existing docket by the addition of Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Well No. 66 to recharge treated drinking water from the applicant's distribution system into the Middle PRM Aquifer during periods of low water demand. The stored high-quality water will be withdrawn and discharged to the distribution system during periods of high demand with no net withdrawal from the aquifer. The proposed ASR project will not increase monthly or annual allocation of ground water. The project is located in Cherry Hill Township, Camden County, New Jersey.

3. *West Goshen Sewer Authority D-98-20 CP.* A project to upgrade and expand the applicant's existing 4.5 million gallons per day (mgd) sewage treatment plant (STP) to 6.0 mgd to continue serving portions of East Goshen and West Goshen Townships, Chester County, Pennsylvania. The STP is located off South Concord Road in West Goshen Township and will continue to discharge to Chester Creek (locally known as Goose Creek).

4. *Womelsdorf-Robeson Joint Authority D-98-23 CP.* An application for approval of a ground water withdrawal project to supply up to 8.1 mg/30 days of water to the applicant's distribution system from new Well No. 9, and to retain the existing withdrawal limit from all wells at 23 mg/30 days. The project is located in Millcreek Township, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania.

A Proposal to Adopt the 1999 Water Resources Program. A proposal that the 1998 Water Resources Program and the activities, programs, initiatives, concerns, projections and proposals identified and set forth therein be extended and adopted as the 1999 Water Resources Program and that a staff report of progress during 1998 in completing elements of the program and policies in the 1998 Water Resources program be made a part thereof, in accordance with the requirements of Section 13.2 of the Delaware River Basin Compact.

Documents relating to these items may be examined at the Commission's offices. Preliminary dockets are available in single copies upon request. Please contact Thomas L. Brand at (609) 883-9500 ext. 221 concerning docket-related questions. Persons wishing to testify at this hearing are requested to

register with the Secretary at (609) 883-9500 ext. 203 prior to the hearing.

Dated: November 23, 1998.

Susan M. Weisman,
Secretary.

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State and Tribal Environmental Justice Grants Program Request for Applications Guidance FY 1999; Purpose of Notice

The purpose of this notice is to solicit applications from eligible candidates under the State and Tribal Environmental Justice (STEJ) Grants Program, sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Justice.

For FY 1998, EPA awarded five STEJ grants totaling \$500,000 to (4) states and (1) tribe. A list of the recipients and their project descriptions are provided in Appendix F.

For FY 1999, EPA expects to once again award a total of \$500,000 to states and tribes to demonstrate how to effectively address environmental justice issues and comply with Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. A maximum of \$100,000 will be awarded to each recipient, contingent upon the availability of funds. A total of five grants are expected to be awarded. The standard project and budget periods are for one year. The grantee can request that the project and budget periods be extended up to three years, with the total budget of \$100,000 provided during the first year. This guidance outlines the purpose, authorities, eligibility, and general procedures for application and award of the FY 1999 STEJ Grants.

The application must be postmarked no later than Friday, February 26, 1999.

Grants Program Overview

The State and Tribal Environmental Justice (STEJ) Grants Program was created to provide financial assistance to state and tribal environmental departments that are working to address environmental justice issues. With the increased interest in Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, EPA is seeking, through this assistance program, to support individual state's and tribe's efforts to effectively comply with Title VI in their environmental programs and/