



DEP to Present Free Seminar on Land Use Regulated Activities that Require Permits

Who would benefit by this Compliance Assistance initiative?

The focus of this seminar will be to teach participants how to identify the geographic jurisdiction and activities that require permits under each of the following laws:

- Coastal Area Facilities Review Act (CAFRA)
- Waterfront and Harbor Facilities Act (Waterfront Development)
- Wetlands Act of 1970 (Coastal Wetlands)
- Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act
- Flood Hazard Area Control Act (Stream Encroachment)
- Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act)

This seminar is not intended to describe the application or technical requirements necessary to secure a permit. The following groups of people are encouraged to attend:

- Homeowners, builders and developers who are buying land or building a home, store, or marina
- Municipal construction officials
- Planning and Zoning Boards
- Environmental Commissions
- Planners
- Engineers
- Attorneys

This Seminar will help you learn more about the protective programs administered by the Division of Land Use Regulation and how these programs help protect our environment.

Why would I need help?

Structures built and development that occurs on environmentally sensitive land such as freshwater wetlands, coastal areas, the Highlands and floodplains are subject to the cited laws and regulations above. The DEP's Division of Land Use Regulation administers these regulations.

Structures built in regulated areas without the necessary permit(s), present a significant problem for many, including the DEP, because subsequent removal of the unpermitted structure(s) presents a serious hardship to all involved. Local construction officials, who issue building permits and also bear the responsibility to ensure that all other required permits and approvals have been secured prior to construction, will benefit greatly from this training. Teaching local construction officials to identify the DEP's Land Use jurisdiction will also assist homeowners by preventing unintentional violations, the investment of capital in structures that cannot be permitted, and the cost of restoration. Likewise Planning and Zoning Boards, who often with the assistance of Local Environmental Commissions, review and approve applications for future development will find this training very informative.

COMPLIANCE ADVISORY

What compliance assistance is available?

The DEP's Water and Land Use Compliance and Enforcement Program will provide this free Seminar on Wednesday, March 30, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. The training will take place in the auditorium at the:

New Jersey Forensic Science Technology Center
1200 Negron Drive
Hamilton, NJ 08691

For directions to the Forensic Science Technology Center:

http://www.nj-iafn.org/NJ_ForensicTechnology_Center_directions.pdf.

Admission to this course is not limited to local officials, engineers and representatives of the building community. Homeowners are welcomed and encouraged to attend. **Seats are limited. Please reserve your seat by completing a registration at:**

http://www.nj.gov/dep/enforcement/clue_seminar.html

Who should I contact with questions?

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Larry Baier at **(609) 292-1240**.

Where can I get more information?

For more information, visit http://www.nj.gov/dep/enforcement/clue_seminar.html on the Web, or contact the Bureau of Coastal and Land Use Compliance and Enforcement at: **(609) 292-1240**.

Please note this advisory is intended to be a summary explanation of a department initiative. It does not include all potentially applicable requirements. If you have any questions related to compliance with this initiative, please contact the Enforcement number listed above.