



REGULATORY UPDATE
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- NJDEP [has proposed](#) modernized land resource protection rules to help coastal communities deal with what it contends are effects of climate change, including sea-level rise, extreme weather, and chronic flooding.
- The Department [cites a number of statistics](#) in support of the rule, noting that 98% of New Jersey's coastline is prone to sea-level rise and that more than half a million acres are at risk of damage from some coastal-related hazard.
- NJDEP [claims](#) that the REAL rules won't affect flood insurance mapping, post-storm redevelopment, or coastal development. The Department [asserts](#) that the rules will promote safe and responsible future infrastructure development in flood zones.
- The proposed REAL rules [would require](#) new development to comply with mandates related to inundation risk assessments, on-site alternatives analyses, and risk acknowledgments.
- The proposed rulemaking [is intended](#) to adjust coastal flood hazard areas to account for rising sea levels, to create an inundation risk zone, to improve water quality, to support renewable energy, and to make permitting processes more efficient.
- As of November 7th, 2024, the public comment period on the proposed rules has ended. NJDEP [expects](#) them to be finalized and adopted by Summer/Fall 2025.