

# Chapter 1 – Introduction

## **Adoption of this Manual**

This manual will be used for guidance immediately upon its effective date. Any design that has completed preliminary design phase (approximately 50% of full design), however, as of the effective date will not be subject to this updated guidance. If this is the status of your project, you must immediately communicate this to the appropriate review authority. However, all projects received or permitted after one year from publication must comply with the updated Manuals. Any reference in DEEP General Permits for adherence to the guidelines, criteria, recommendations and/or requirements specified in the Manual shall be considered to have adopted these dates and criteria.

Any references in municipal regulations shall at least meet the dates above, but, if they so choose may adopt an earlier date of compliance with the updated guidance.