

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

AMENDMENT TO THE CAPE MAY COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT  
PLAN

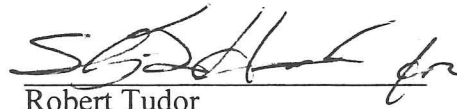
Public Notice

Take notice that on **JUL 31 1997**, pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Water Quality Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 58:11A-1 et seq., and the Statewide Water Quality Management Planning rules (N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.4), an amendment to the Cape May County Water Quality Management Plan was adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department). This amendment modifies the Middle Township Wastewater Management Plan (WMP) to address existing sewage treatment problems within the Village of Grassy Sound in Middle Township, Cape May County. The Grassy Sound Civic Association (Association) proposes to install and maintain a holding tank system. The system will be comprised of five separate pressure sewer systems running along Docks A - E, each with its respective holding tank. The system will be sized to serve the members of the Association as well as the nonmembers with dwellings or businesses immediately in line or adjacent to the proposed system. The projected wastewater flow from this area is estimated to be approximately 15,870 gallons per day (gpd) from 61 residential units and 3 commercial units along Docks A - E. This area is identified in the WMP as a "service area for wastewater holding tanks with wastewater planning flows of greater than 2,000 gpd".

While this amendment intends to address the potential connections along Docks A - E, only the "lawfully existing" units will be allowed by the Department to connect to the holding tank system. "Lawfully existing" refers to sewage generating structures shown on the Department's Wetlands Map #070-1956 (1972 aerial) and in place in 1991, the date of the original administrative consent orders which required a solution to the community wide sewage discharge problem. In addition, in accordance with the Treatment Works Approval regulations (N.J.A.C. 7:14A-22.13), the holding tank system may not be utilized for additional sources of wastewater resulting from building expansions, changes in use, or other sources.

This amendment represents only one part of the permit process and other issues will be addressed prior to final permit issuance. Additional issues which were not reviewed in conjunction with this amendment but which may need to be addressed may include, but are not limited to, the following: antidegradation; effluent limitations; water quality analysis; exact locations and designs of future treatment works (pump stations, interceptors, sewers, outfalls, wastewater treatment plants); and development in wetlands,

flood prone areas, designated Wild and Scenic River areas, or other environmentally sensitive areas which are subject to regulation under Federal or State statutes or rules.



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