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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

AMENDMENT TO THE MONMOUTH COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Public Notice

Take notice that on MAY 0 6 1999 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 Monmouth County Water Quality Management Plan was adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department). This amendment identifies the site of the Frogbridge Day Camp, on Block 53, Lot 2 in Millstone Township, as the service area for an on-site treatment facility with discharge to ground water with a flow of less than 20,000 gallons per day (gpd). The future wastewater planning flow of the wastewater treatment and disposal system will be 16,000 gpd, based on a flow contribution of 20 gallons per person per day. The maximum population at the camp is projected to be 800 (600 children and 200 employees).

This amendment proposal was noticed in the New Jersey Register on March 1, 1999. Comments on this amendment were received during the public comment period and are summarized below with the Department's responses.

A comment on the proposal was submitted by the Millstone Township Environmental Commission (MTEC) concerning the impact that the plan amendment may have on certain environmentally sensitive areas mentioned in the public notice. Specifically, the MTEC was concerned about references to "development in wetlands, flood prone areas, designated Wild and Scenic River areas, or other environmentally sensitive areas which are subject to regulation under Federal and State statutes or rules" and when these issues would be addressed. The concerns raised by the MTEC were responded to by the Monmouth County Planning Board in a letter to the MTEC dated March 22, 1999. As explained in that letter, the language referred to by the MTEC is standard wording that is incorporated in amendment proposal notices to alert readers that there are a number of environmental issues that are addressed through State and Federal regulatory programs and not necessarily as part of the Water Quality Management Plan amendment process. In addition, some of these issues should be addressed during preliminary plan review by the municipal governing body and/or planning board and environmental commission.

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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