DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENERGY OFFICE OF LAND AND WATER PLANNING

AMENDMENT TO THE NORTHEAST WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Public Notice

Take notice that on APR 18 1994, 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 Northeast Water Quality Management Plan was adopted by the Department. This amendment allows for treatment of the industrial wastewater from a proposed New Jersey Transit bus maintenance facility in Wayne Township, Passaic County at the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioners (PVSC) Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) in Newark City, Essex County (discharge is to the Upper New York Bay). The projected industrial flow is approximately 11,000 gallons per day. Sanitary wastewater from the proposed bus maintenance facility will be treated at Wayne Township's Mountain View WPCF which discharges to Singac Brook.

This amendment proposal was noticed in the New Jersey Register on January 18, 1994. A comment on this amendment was received during the public comment period and is summarized below with the DEPE's response.

COMMENT: The Township of Little Falls is concerned about the inflow of petrochemical products into the PVSC sewer system from wastewater generated at the proposed New Jersey Transit bus maintenance facility.

RESPONSE: Pursuant to 40 CFR Part 403, PVSC is a delegated authority with an approved pretreatment program. The discharge of petrochemicals into the PVSC sewer system from the proposed New Jersey Transit bus maintenance facility will be regulated through this approved pretreatment program. The bus maintenance facility will be required to meet the pretreatment standards for petroleum hydrocarbons so as not to cause any water quality or sludge quality violations at the PVSC WPCF. Therefore, the Township's concern will be addressed by this approved pretreatment program.

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: changes to PVSC district legislation, antidegradation; effluent limitations; water quality analysis; exact locations and designs of future treatment works (pump stations, interceptors, sewers, outfalls, wastewater treatment plant); 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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