

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
OFFICE OF COASTAL AND LAND USE PLANNING

REVISION TO THE UPPER DELAWARE WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

TAKE NOTICE that on **SEPT 3, 2013**, pursuant to the provisions of the Water Quality Planning Act, N.J.S.A.58:11A-1 et seq, and the Statewide Water Quality Management (WQM) Planning rules, N.J.A.C. 7:15, a revision to the Upper Delaware WQM Plan was adopted by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department). This revision modifies the Town of Phillipsburg Wastewater Management Plan (WMP) to identify the relocation of the Phillipsburg Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) (NJPDES Permit No. NJ0024716) facility outfall (Outfall Designation 001A). The current facility outfall discharges into the Lopatcong Creek approximately 800 meters from the confluence with the Delaware River. The revised outfall location (new Outfall Designation 001B) will still discharge into the Lopatcong Creek, but within 85 meters of the confluence with the Delaware River. The relocated outfall location would extend the regulatory mixing zone into the Delaware River and assist in the elimination of the degradation issues for the Lopatcong Creek.

This revision resulted from a request submitted to the Department from Stephanie Cuthbert, Phillipsburg Town Sewer Engineer of Remington & Vernick Engineers on behalf of the Town of Phillipsburg dated June 24, 2013. The applicant demonstrated that this proposal meets the requirements at N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.2(a) and is therefore deemed consistent with the applicable WQM Plan.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.2(a), upgrades or construction of new domestic or industrial treatment works, including upgrades accomplished through construction of new treatment works at the same location, that do not exceed existing flows and do not exceed flows identified in Areawide WQM Plans, are deemed consistent with the WQM Plan and the WQM Planning rules. No increase in the currently permitted flow of the Phillipsburg STP or an exceedance of future projected flow, as identified in the Town of Phillipsburg WMP, will occur as a result of the adoption of this revision.

Consequently, the adopted revision is necessary to update the Phillipsburg WMP in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5 and revises the WMP facility table to recognize the new outfall location, as required prior to issuance to the any Department permits.

SIGNED

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Date