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DIVISION OF WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

Proposed Amendment to the Northeast Water Quality Management Plan

Take notice that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) is holding a public hearing and extending the public comment period for a proposed amendment to the Northeast Water Quality Management (WQM) Plan in accordance with the New Jersey Water Quality Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 58:11-1 et seq., and the Water Quality Management Planning rules, N.J.A.C. 7:15. The proposed amendment, identified as KRE Harding Residential (AKA S/K Mt. Kemble) (Program Interest No. 435442, Activity No. AMD200007) would expand the sewer service area (SSA) of the Woodland Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) (NJPDES No. NJ0024929) by 9.3 acres to serve a proposed 96-unit residential development with a clubhouse and pool. The proposed project will be located on Block 23.02, Lot 5 in Harding Township, Morris County. The project will generate a projected wastewater flow of 27,975 gallons per day (gpd) based on flow calculated in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:14A-23.3. A public notice of the proposed amendment was previously published in the November 7, 2022 New Jersey Register at 54 N.J.R. 2106(a). Additionally, notice was made available on the WQM Planning Program Public Notices webpage at https://www.nj.gov/dep/wqmp/wmpnotices.html and through a Listsery announcement.

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In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5(g)8 and N.J.A.C. 7:1D-5.2, a virtual public hearing will be held by the Department on the proposed amendment at which time all interested persons may appear and shall be given an opportunity to be heard. The public hearing will take place on March 9, 2023 at 2:00 PM as a virtual Microsoft Teams web meeting only. The hearing will conclude at 4:00 PM or the conclusion of all public testimony, whichever is earlier. Details on how to access the hearing will be made available at https://www.nj.gov/dep/wqmp/wmpnotices.html one day before the public hearing. For those without access to web meetings, the hearing will also be accessible by phone for audio only. The phone number and access code for joining the web meeting via phone can be obtained by calling (609) 633-7021 or emailing wqmp@publiccomments@dep.nj.gov. Commenters that anticipate providing verbal testimony are encouraged to notify the Department in advance by calling (609) 633-7021 or emailing wqmp.publiccomments@dep.nj.gov to ensure a timely and streamlined public hearing process. The Department will record the meeting as part of the public record.

This notice is to inform the public that a plan amendment has been proposed for the Northeast WQM Plan. All information related to this plan and the proposed amendment is located at:

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

Division of Watershed Protection & Restoration

Bureau of NJPDES Stormwater Permitting and Water Quality Management

Water Quality Management Planning Program

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The Department's file is available for inspection between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, upon request. An appointment to inspect the file must be arranged by calling the Bureau of NJPDES Stormwater Permitting & Water Quality Management (609) 633-7021.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed amendment to the Department at the address cited above or at the email: wqmp.publiccomments@dep.nj.gov. Comments should reference Program Interest No. 435442, Activity No. AMD200007 and must be submitted within 15 days after the public hearing.

All comments submitted prior to the close of the comment period shall be considered by the Department before making a final decision on the proposed amendment.

Sewer service is not guaranteed should this amendment be adopted as it represents only one part of the permit process and other issues may need to be addressed. Inclusion in the SSA as a result of the approval of this amendment does not eliminate the need to obtain all necessary permits, approvals, or certifications required by any Federal, State, county, or municipal review agency with jurisdiction over this project/activity.

SIGNED 1/4/2023 Date

Gabriel Mahon, Bureau Chief

Bureau of NJPDES Stormwater Permitting and Water Quality Management Division of Watershed Protection and Restoration NJ Department of Environmental Protection