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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

ADOPTED AMENDMENT TO THE CAPE MAY COUNTY WATER QUALITY
MANAGEMENT PLAN

Public Notice

Take notice that on **DEC 21 2000**, 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). The activities covered in this adoption were noticed as part of the Cape May Water Quality Management Plan covering these and numerous other amendments. The proposal notice appeared in the New Jersey Register on June 7, 1999, at 31 N.J.R. 1532(b), a public hearing on the overall proposal was held on July 27, 1999. No comments on the amendments covered by this adoption were received that provided a basis for changing these portions of the proposal.

This amendment will allow Lower Township MUA to redirect a portion of the permitted 4 million gallon a day surface water discharge to the Atlantic Ocean for a wastewater reuse project during the months of April through October. This wastewater reuse project involves spray irrigation of 500,000 gallons per day of treated wastewater effluent on the Lower Township MUA property located in Block 410.01, Lots 38.04, 45, 46.01, 46.02, 47-49, 50, 50.01, 51.05, 54-57, 59.01, 62, 65.01-65.03. In addition, this project will provide 369,000 gallons per day of treated wastewater effluent for irrigation purposes to Ponder Lodge Golf Course, Block 494.01, Lots 1.04, 3, 28 in the Township of Lower, and 500,000 gallons per day to Cape May National Golf Course, Block 510, Lots 3, 24.09, 25, Township of Lower.

This amendment adoption also approves the Septics Management Plan as submitted to the Department by the Cape May County Board of Chosen Freeholders and noticed in the New Jersey Register on June 7, 1999. The Septics Management Plan

addresses minimum lot sizes for individual subsurface sewage disposal systems with flows less than 2,000 gallons per day.

This amendment represents only one part of the permit process and other issues may need to be addressed prior to final permit issuance. Additional issues 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. This proposal fell below the scope of Executive Order 109 (2000) and therefore no environmental analysis was required.



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