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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

ADOPTED AMENDMENT TO THE LOWER RARITAN/MIDDLESEX COUNTY
WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Public Notice

Take notice that on **SEP 06 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 Water Quality Management Plan was adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department). This amendment allows for the expansion of the Middlesex County Utilities Authority sewer service area to serve the Griggstown and Sunset Hills developments in Franklin Township, Somerset County. Griggstown and Sunset Hills are existing small lot developments which rely on private water wells and have experienced failing septic.

The sewerage of Griggstown and Sunset Hills was one of the sewer service area modifications contained in the proposed Lower Raritan/Middlesex County Wastewater Management Plan (WMP) for which notice was published in the New Jersey Register on June 5, 2000 at 32 N.J.R.2161(b). The Middlesex County Freeholders have not made a final decision regarding adoption of the overall WMP; however, due to the potential health hazard of these areas and the need to meet deadlines under the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program the Griggstown and Sunset Hills sewerage project is being adopted at this time as an amendment to the Lower Raritan/Middlesex County Water Quality Management Plan.

The Griggstown and Sunset Hills sewerage proposal was evaluated in accordance with Executive Order 109 and N.J.A.C. 7:15-5.18 and no alternatives analysis were required. 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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