

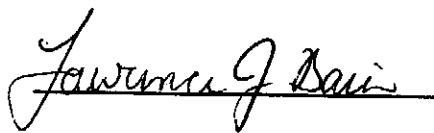
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

ADOPTED AMENDMENT TO THE LOWER RARITAN/MIDDLESEX COUNTY AND
THE MONMOUTH COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

Take notice that on **OCT 21 2004**, 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 Lower Raritan/Middlesex County and Monmouth County Water Quality Management Plans was adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department). This amendment submitted on behalf of Franklin Plaza, for property located at Block: 39, Lots: 1.01 & 1.02 on Englishtown Road, Monroe Township, allows the transfer of wastewater flows generated at Franklin Plaza from Middlesex County Utilities Authority (MCUA) to the Western Monmouth Utilities Authority (WMUA). This amendment allows Franklin Plaza to remove an existing commercial building and existing residential dwelling to allow construction of a 7,000 square foot (SF) retail building on lot 1.02 and a 10,560 square feet (SF) retail building on lot 1.01. All existing structures located on lots 1.01 and 1.02 will be removed with the exception of a 12,742 SF building and 940 SF barn on lot 1.02. Upon completion of the re-development, the site would contain a total of 31,242 SF of commercial development. The total projected wastewater to be discharged from both the new and existing development associated with Franklin Plaza is 3,124 gallons per day (gpd). The WMUA plant designated to receive wastewater from Franklin Plaza is the Pine Brook Wastewater Treatment Plant. The WMUA has agreed to provide sanitary sewer service to this project until Monroe Township Municipal Utilities Authority (MTMUA) has extended its collection system to within 500 feet of the project site. The amendment allows Franklin Plaza to be connected to the WMUA through use of a pump station and force main. Monmouth and Middlesex Counties have entered into a Deed Restriction agreement with the owners of Franklin Plaza (Benjamin Franklin Real Estate Corp.) that prohibits the pumping station and force main from accepting additional wastewater flows from any other land parcels or from any future expansion of the Franklin Plaza project.

This amendment proposal was noticed in the New Jersey Register on July 19, 2004 at volume 36 N.J.R. 3437 and no comments were received during the comment period.

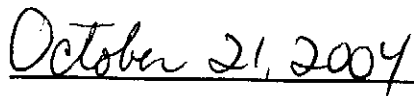
This amendment represents only one part of the permit process and other issues may need to be addressed prior to final permit issuance. Additional issues which may need to be addressed may include, but are not limited to, the following: antidegradation; effluent limitations; water quality analysis; exact 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.



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Date