

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

ADOPTED AMENDMENT TO THE NORTHEAST, UPPER RARITAN AND
LOWER RARITAN/MIDDLESEX COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT
PLANS

Public Notice

Take notice that on JUL 31, 2008, 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 Northeast, Upper Raritan and Lower Raritan/Middlesex County Water Quality Management (WQM) Plans was adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department). This amendment was submitted on behalf of the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority (RVSA). The RVSA Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) is located in Rahway, Union County at 1050 East Hazelwood Avenue. The amendment adopts a Wastewater Management Plan (WMP) for RVSA. RVSA currently serves Clark, Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Kenilworth, Linden, Mountainside, Rahway, Roselle Park, Scotch Plains, Springfield, Westfield, Winfield and Woodbridge. RVSA is currently permitted to discharge 40 million gallons per day to the Arthur Kill under NJPDES permit #NJ0024643. The WMP proposed no expansions to the Sewer Service Area (SSA) and no expansion of the permitted flow.

This amendment has been reviewed in accordance with Executive Order 109 (2000) and N.J.A.C. 7:15-5.18. An Environmental Constraints (Build-Out) Analysis was performed which demonstrated that adequate capacity was available at the STP to service the identified SSA. A Threatened and Endangered (T&E) Species Analysis along with a Riparian Corridor Analysis was performed to remove all sewer service areas from T&E Species Landscape Project Rank 3, 4 & 5 habitat and the applicable width of riparian buffers.

This amendment proposal was noticed in the New Jersey Register on March 17th, 2008 at 40 N.J.R. 1707(b) 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: compliance with stormwater regulations; 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.

SIGNED

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Date