REVISION TO THE LOWER RARITAN/MIDDLESEX COUNTY WATER
QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

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TAKE NOTICE that on , pursuant to the provisions of
the 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. 7:15-3.5, a revision
(Program Interest No.: 435463; Activity No.: REV160001) to the Lower
Raritan/Middlesex County Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) was
adopted by the Department. This revision modifies the Middlesex County Future
Wastewater Service Area (FWSA) Map. The revision, entitled “The Oaks at
Glenwood”, submitted on behalf of The Brunetti Organization, expands the
Middlesex County Utilities Authority (MCUA) sewer service area (SSA) by 30.9
acres to allow for the construction of a proposed 360,000 square foot
manufacturing building. The project site (Site) is located in Old Bridge Township
west of U.S. Highway 9 and south of Water Works Road on portions of Lots 3, 11,
6, and 7 within Block 6303.

The Site had been located within an area designated for Individual Subsurface
Sewage Disposal Systems of 2,000 gallons per day (gpd) or less (septic area) in
the Lower Raritan/Middlesex County Wastewater Management Plan (WMP)
which was adopted in 2001. The applicant subsequently petitioned the Middlesex
County Department of Planning to include numerous properties located in Old
Bridge Township, which included the Site, into the MCUA SSA. These requests
were submitted as comments on the (then draft) sewer service area mapping
proposed by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
(Department) in connection with Middlesex County’s efforts to submit an updated
WMP to the Department pursuant to the WQMP rules at N.J.A.C. 7:15. These
requests were submitted in a series of letters to both the Middlesex County
Department of Planning and the Department between May 29, 2009 and February
7, 2011.

In a May 23, 2011 letter from the Department to the applicant’s representative,
the Department stated that it had prepared a draft sewer service area map and
Geographic Information System (GIS) shapefiles of the applicant’s properties that
the Department would not object to being included in the sewer service area. The
Site was among the properties included on the map which is entitled “Brunetti
Properties, Old Bridge Township, Middlesex County” dated May 1, 2011. A large
portion of the Site was subsequently included in the MCUA SSA on the draft
Future Wastewater Service Area (FWSA) map prepared by the Middlesex County
Department of Planning which was posted on their website. That map is entitled
“Middlesex County Wastewater Management Plan Map 3b – Future Wastewater
Service Area” dated May, 2012.
The Middlesex County FWSA map was adopted by the Department on March 11, 2015 (see April 6, 2015 New Jersey Register at 47 N.J.R. 733(b)). It was subsequently discovered that the Site had not, in fact, been included within the MCUA SSA on the adopted map. Due to the fact that the Department had stated in writing to the applicant and Middlesex County that it did not object to the inclusion of the Site within the sewer service area, that it was included in the SSA on a map referred to in the letter, and that the site was largely within the MCUA SSA on a draft FWSA map published on the Middlesex County Department of Planning’s website, it can reasonably be concluded that the omission of the Site from the MCUA SSA in the adopted FWSA map was unintentional.

This revision is being adopted in accordance with N.J.A.C.7:15-3.5(b)1, which allows revisions in order to correct, clarify, or update erroneous, unclear, or outdated statements in an area wide WQMP.

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