

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

AMENDMENT TO THE MERCER COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Public Notice

Take notice that on **MAY 23 1995**, 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 Mercer County Water Quality Management Plan was adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department). This amendment adopts a **Wastewater Management Plan (WMP)** for **Hamilton Township, Mercer County**. The WMP delineates the proposed sewer service area of the Hamilton Township Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) within Hamilton, Washington, and West Windsor Townships. Among the changes proposed are abandonment of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority (NJTA) Richard Stockton Service Area Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) with flows conveyed to the Hamilton Township WPCF and extension of Hamilton Township WPCF sewer service to the "Suburban Homes" (Drialo Subdivision) east of the Turnpike and the adjacent land east to the municipal boundary. Sewer service is generally not proposed to R120/40 and R120/80 zones within Hamilton Township as well as some additional areas. The portion of Hamilton Township to be served by the City of Trenton STP is identified. Also identified are numerous existing NJPDES permitted facilities including industrial and remedial clean-up discharges. The total projected wastewater flow to the Hamilton Township WPCF is 13.538 million gallons per day (mgd). The projected wastewater flow to the City of Trenton STP from Hamilton Township is 0.036 mgd. Projected flows to the other various facilities are also identified. This WMP amends the Washington Township WMP.

This amendment proposal was noticed in the New Jersey Register on February 6, 1995. Comments on this amendment were received during the public comment period and are summarized below with the Department's responses.

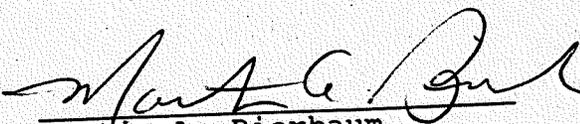
COMMENT: The Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority (WTMUA) requested that the WMP reflect that wastewater management planning responsibility in Washington Township was transferred from the WTMUA to the Township of Washington in 1991.

RESPONSE: The WMP was modified to acknowledge that since 1991 Washington Township has been the wastewater management agency.

COMMENT: The NJTA commented regarding minor clarifications and corrections related to the Richard Stockton Sewer Service Area STP (i.e., clarification that the STP serves both the Richard Stockton and Woodrow Wilson Service Areas, operator and latitude discharge location corrections, clarification as to whether any flow growth was provided for the NJTA in the calculated flows to the Hamilton Township WPCF, and NJTA's installation of pretreatment facilities prior to conveyance to Hamilton Township WPCF).

RESPONSE: The requested corrections and clarifications were incorporated into the WMP. A discussion of the NJTA's pretreatment facility was not specifically included but is covered in a general sense by acknowledgment that many dischargers to the Hamilton Township WPCF provide pretreatment.

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 plant); 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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