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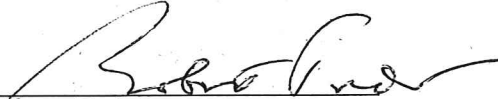
AMENDMENT TO THE MERCER COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT  
PLAN

Public Notice

Take notice that on **DEC 10 1997**, 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.

This amendment, submitted by the Washington Township Board of Education (BOE), expands the Hamilton Township Water Pollution Control Plant sewer service area within Washington Township to include the **Sharon Elementary School** (Block 23, Lot 2) due to recent indications of hydraulic overload on the two (2) existing on-site septic systems that currently serve the school. The BOE will abandon the existing septic systems and construct a pump station and force main (approximately 5,200 feet) to convey the wastewater. The projected flow will be 16,000 gallons per day based upon the anticipated school population of 800 students. This flow will be conveyed via the Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority (WTMUA) collection system to the Hamilton Township Water Pollution Control Plant which currently receives wastewater from the WTMUA collection system under an agreement between Hamilton Township and Washington Township.

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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