

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENERGY
OFFICE OF LAND AND WATER PLANNING

AMENDMENT TO THE NORTHEAST, UPPER RARITAN, UPPER DELAWARE
AND SUSSEX COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

Public Notice

Take notice that on **AUG 10 1993**, 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, Upper Delaware and Sussex County Water Quality Management Plans was adopted by the Department. This amendment, proposed by the Musconetcong Sewerage Authority (MSA) and the Sussex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, adopts a Wastewater Management Plan (WMP) for MSA. The WMP identifies a two phase expansion of the MSA Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) and sewer service area. Phase IA would expand the STP to accommodate maximum 30-day average flows of 3.63 million gallons per day (mgd) and expand the sewer service area in Roxbury, Mount Arlington, and Mount Olive Townships. The expanded sewer service area includes out-of-basin areas including areas within the Budd Lake basin. The service area also includes the Boroughs of Netcong and Stanhope. Phase II would expand the STP to accommodate maximum 30-day average flows of 5.79 mgd. Hoptacong Borough and Jefferson Township sewer service areas would be accommodated with this Phase II expansion. In addition, the Sussex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, as the designated Sussex County Water Quality Management (WQM) Planning Agency, will retain WMP responsibility for the portions of the Sussex County WQM Plan area which are addressed in this WMP.

This amendment proposal was noticed in the New Jersey Register on May 17, 1993. Comments on this amendment were received during the public comment period and are summarized below with the DEPE's responses.

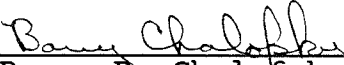
COMMENT: The Borough of Hopatcong objected to the MSA WMP because (1) the agreements between MSA and the Borough regarding meeting the sewerage needs of the Borough were not included as part of the WMP, and (2) the affected municipalities were not requested to endorse the agreements between MSA and the Borough.

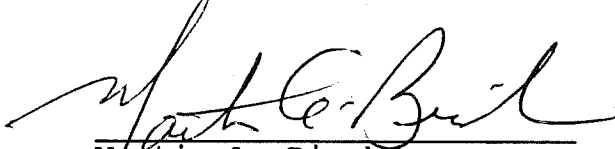
RESPONSE: Those objections have now been resolved by the adoption by the MSA of a resolution dated July 26, 1993 reaffirming its agreement with the Borough of Hopatcong. In

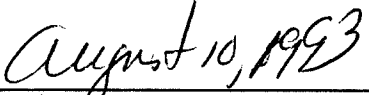
addition, the Borough of Hopatcong has endorsed the WMP in a resolution dated July 26, 1993.

COMMENT: The Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) identified concerns relating to the MSA STP and reductions of biochemical oxygen demand from sewage originating from out-of-basin.

RESPONSE: The DRBC's concerns have been addressed by the MSA to the satisfaction of the DRBC as indicated in Docket No. D-92-80 CP.


Barry R. Chalofsky, P.P.
Professional Planner in
Responsible Charge


Martin A. Bierbaum
Administrator
Office of Land and Water
Planning
Department of Environmental
Protection and Energy


Date

MEG/MSA2