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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
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AMENDMENT TO THE UPPER RARITAN AND NORTHEAST WATER QUALITY
MANAGEMENT PLANS

Public Notice

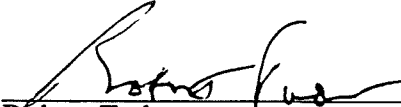
Take notice that on **APR 02 1997**, pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Water Quality Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 58:11A-1 et seq., and the Statewide Water Quality Management Planning rules (N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.4), an amendment to the Upper Raritan and Northeast Water Quality Management Plans was adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department). This amendment modifies the Warren Township Sewerage Authority (WTSA) Wastewater Management Plan (WMP) to include lots along Rogers Road in Warren Township, Somerset County within the sewer service area of the Berkeley Heights Wastewater Treatment Plant (WTP) which is located in Berkeley Heights Township, Union County. The amendment also clarifies the Warren Township and Watchung Borough municipal boundaries in this area. The Berkeley Heights WTP discharges to Slough Brook (a tributary of the Passaic River) which is classified by the Surface Water Quality Standards, N.J.A.C. 7:9B, as FW2-NT (fresh water 2-nontrout) waters.

The project consists of Block 222, Lots 1 and 2, and Block 223, Lots 1, 2, and 3. This area includes one existing residential dwelling currently served by an individual subsurface sewage disposal system and four proposed residential dwellings. The total projected wastewater flow from this area is 1,500 gallons per day. This area was located within the future sewer service area of the WTSA Stage I-II WTP. The Stage I-II WTP discharges to the Passaic River which is classified as FW2-NT waters. Connection of the project area to the Stage I-II WTP would require extensive new sewer lines and one or more pumping stations. This amendment allows instead for connection of this area to the Berkeley Heights WTP via a gravity connection to an existing Berkeley Heights sewer line.

An error was made in the public notice for this amendment which was published in the New Jersey Register and The Star Ledger on December 2, 1996. The notice stated that wastewater management plan responsibility for this area would be transferred from the WTSA to Berkeley Heights Township. That statement is now corrected to specify that wastewater management plan responsibility for this area is transferred from the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders to Berkeley Heights 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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