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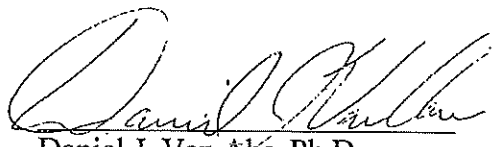
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

AMENDMENT TO THE NORTHEAST WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Public Notice

Take notice that on **OCT 13 1998**, 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), an amendment to the Northeast Water Quality Management Plan was adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection. This amendment modifies the West Milford Township Wastewater Management Plan (WMP) with regard to the following two development proposals: 1) The West Milford Senior Housing Corporation proposed 100 one bedroom unit complex to be located on the north side of Marshall Hill Road and Lincoln Avenue on Block 6401, Lot 6 (10 acres); and, 2) The Valley Ridge at West Milford proposed development of 75 two bedroom and 34 three bedroom townhomes to be located on the east side of Union Valley Road at the intersection of Dockerty Hollow Road on Block 8002, Lot 4 (26.6 acres). The projected 15,000 gallons per day (gpd) from the West Milford Senior Housing Corporation development is proposed to be treated at the West Milford Township Municipal Utilities Authority's Birch Hill Sewage Treatment Plant (STP). The Birch Hill STP is currently permitted to discharge 20,000 gpd to Morestown Brook under New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) Permit No. NJ0028541. The amendment allows for potential expansion of the STP to treat a total of 25,000 gpd as a result of the expansion of service area to include the senior housing development project. The projected 27,075 gpd from the Valley Ridge at West Milford development is proposed to be treated at the West Milford Township Municipal Utilities Authority's Olde Milford Estates STP. The Valley Ridge at West Milford property is not located adjacent to the Olde Milford Estates STP service area and will require pumping over a ridge. The Olde Milford Estates STP discharges to Belcher Creek under NJPDES Permit No. NJ0027677. No increase in the STP's current permitted flow of 172,000 gpd is proposed or required as part of this amendment.

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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