

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

AMENDMENT TO THE **NORTHEAST** WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Public Notice

Take notice that on **APR 08 1999**, 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 (WQM) Plan was adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department). The amendment modifies the Ringwood Borough Wastewater Management Plan (WMP) to address the wastewater discharge from the **Robert Erskine School Sewage Treatment Plant (STP)**. The Robert Erskine School is located on Lot 3, Block 506 in Ringwood Borough, Passaic County. The amendment allows for continuation of the discharge to Erskine Brook from the existing STP instead of transferring the effluent to ground water as proposed in a previous WQM Plan amendment. Subsequent evaluation has shown that switching from a surface water to a ground water discharge will not be economically feasible. The Department's Bureau of Point Source Permitting has reviewed the proposal for continuation of the discharge to Erskine Brook and has found it to be acceptable with certain modifications to New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. NJ0029432. Erskine Brook is classified by the Surface Water Quality Standards as FW2-TP (Fresh Water 2- Trout Production). The Robert Erskine School STP will continue to treat the flows from both the Peter Cooper School and the Robert Erskine School. No expansion of the Robert Erskine School STP above the current permitted flow of 8,000 gallons per day is needed or allowed 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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