

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

AMENDMENT TO THE NORTHEAST WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT
PLAN

Public Notice

Take notice that on **MAR 16 2000**, pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Water Quality Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 58:11A et seq., and the Statewide Water Quality Management Planning rules (N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.4), an amendment to the Northeast Water Quality Management Plan was adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department). This amendment, submitted on behalf of the **Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties (JMEUC)** adopts a 6-year Update to the **Wastewater Management Plan (WMP)**. A previous amendment to the Northeast Water Quality Management Plan was adopted in May of 1994 that increased the maximum allowable contribution to be accepted by JMEUC from the New Providence STP from 1.5 to 3.0 MGD. This allowed for treatment of all dry weather flow and some wet weather flows generated within the New Providence plant's STP sewer service area.


This WMP amends the following planning area boundaries of the JMEUC WMP:
1. WMP responsibility for the portions of the Township of Verona served by the JMEUC is transferred from the Township of Verona to the JMEUC, 2. WMP responsibility for the portions of the Township of West Orange served by the Caldwell STP is transferred from the JMEUC to the Borough of Caldwell. Sewer service area changes include a correction to the Livingston WMP boundary to show the areas served by JMEUC. The projected total wastewater flow for the JMEUC is decreased from the previously adopted WMP of 79.47 MGD to the new total projected flow of 67.64 MGD.

This amendment was noticed in the New Jersey Register on December 20, 1999. One comment on this amendment was received during the comment period and is summarized below with the Department's response.

COMMENT: It is noted that the Tributary Service Area Map (Figure 1) page 2 of the December 1998 Wastewater Management Plan is incorrect and is not consistent with the correctly shown Map Wastewater Facilities and Service/Planning Area Boundaries – Chatham Quadrangle. (Frank D. Dobiszewski, P.E., Borough Engineer, Borough of New Providence)

RESPONSE: The consulting engineer for the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties and the Department are in agreement with the change to the Tributary Service Area Map (Figure 1). The adopted plan reflects this change.

This amendment was evaluated in accordance with Executive Order 109 and N.J.A.C. 7:15-5.18 and no alternative analyses are required at this planning stage. 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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