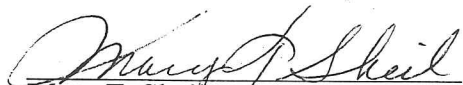


DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

REVISION TO THE NORTHEAST WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

TAKE NOTICE that on **NOV 19 2001**, pursuant to the provisions of the 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. 7:15-3.5, a revision to the Northeast Water Quality Management Plan was adopted by the Department. The revision **modifies the Bernards Township Sewerage Authority (BTSA) Wastewater Management Plan (WMP)** to address the following issues. First, the Harrison Brook Sewer Service Area (SSA) would be expanded to include the Environmental Education Center (EEC) and the EEC Director's residence from **Lord Stirling Park in Bernards Township**, located on Lots 68.03 and 68.02 of Block 23. The flow from the EEC and the EEC Director's home is approximately 800 gallons per day (gpd). This flow will go to the Harrison Brook Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) which has NJPDES permit number NJ 0022845, which has a permitted flow of 2.5 million gallons per day (mgd). These actions comply with N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5(b)(4)(v) which allows the Department to prepare a revision to the areawide WQM plans for "...expansion of a future sewer service area to contiguous lots where the expansion involves less than 100 acres, contributes less than 8,000 gpd of additional wastewater flow and does not create a significantly new pattern of sewered development...." Second, Lot 68.01, Block 23, has been tied into the Harrison Brook STP for approximately ten (10) years. This Lot and Block is a horse stable from Lord Stirling Park and the stable manager's home, which generate a flow of 1,860 gpd. In accordance with N.J.A.C.7:15-3.5(b)(1)(ii), the revision will correct the exclusion of the above mentioned horse stable from the SSA of the Harrison Brook STP. The total acreage for all of these developments is approximately 27 acres and the total flow is 2,660 gpd. The remaining 840 acres of Block 23, which is Lot 68.04, will continue to be excluded from sewer service.

This revision 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 revision but which may need to be addressed may include, but are not limited to, the following: exact locations and designs of future treatment works (pump stations, interceptors, sewers, disposal beds); and development in wetlands, flood prone areas or other environmentally sensitive areas which are subject to regulation under federal or State statutes or rules.


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