

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

REVISION TO THE NORTHEAST WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

TAKE NOTICE that on **MAY 03 2002** 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 (WQMP) was adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department). This revision is in response to a request made by Thermoplastics Processes, Inc. to correct contact cooling water flow estimates from outfalls 001 and 002. A previous revision identified the discharge from outfall 001 as 25,000 gallons per day (gpd) and discharge from outfall 002 as 30,000 gpd. These estimates were based on the measurement of flow meters, which were subsequently found to not be working properly. Thermoplastics Processes, Inc. has identified the correct flow from outfall 001 as 100,000 gpd, which will discharge to the Passaic River via a network of drainage ditches. The cooling water from outfall 002 will discharge 80,000 gpd to the Passaic River via a 1500 foot sewer pipe flowing into drainage ditches. Thermoplastics Processes, Inc. is located on Block 2, Lot 4 and Block 86, Lot 6 in the Stirling Section of Long Hill Township, Morris County.

In accordance with 7:15-3.5(b)4i, this revision modifies Table V-3 for Industrial Dischargers in the Northeast WQMP to reflect this increase in flow from an industrial treatment works when there is no change in service area or discharge type proposed. New Jersey Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit No. 0134856 will be revised to reflect the new combined discharge of 180,000 and will be issued for the subject discharges. The discharge from this facility is not expected to be a significant source of pollutants and will not affect the Passaic Total Maximum Daily Loads currently under development for the Passaic River Basin.

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 addresses may include, but are not limited to, the following: exact location 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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