REVISION TO THE NORTHEAST WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

TAKE NOTICE that on **MAR 7 2004**, 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. This revision modifies the Bernards Township Wastewater Management Plan (WMP), Millington Baptist Church, Block 133, Lots: 1.02, 2, 20, and 21, Bernards Township, Somerset County.

This revision is in response to the Department’s receipt of New Jersey Pollution Discharge Elimination Permit – discharge to ground water application to discharge the wastewater generated by Millington Baptist Church. Based upon information that was submitted to the Department’s Division of Water Quality in support of Millington Baptist Church’s New Jersey Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) – discharge to ground water application. The purpose of the revision is to clarify statements made in the plan amendment that was adopted on May 23, 2003. Millington Baptist Church is a proposed 67,100 foot church that at full build out will contain a 1,200 seat sanctuary and 27 classrooms and a kitchen facility. The classrooms will contain a total of 540 seats to be used for Sunday school on the weekend and multi-purpose meeting and office space for church staff during the week. The classrooms will be utilized for weekly activities that will include the Little Footprints Learning Center (LFLC). The LFLC is a Christian pre-school program that has two sessions daily, Monday-Friday. The 3 year olds attend Tuesday and Thursday AM, the 4 year olds attend Monday, Wednesday and Friday AM, and the 4+ year olds attend Monday through Thursday PM. Two of the 20 seat classrooms, storage and Director’s office at the new church facility will be allocated to the LFLC program. The LFLC is accredited and licensed by the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Youth and Family Services and in accordance with that license; the LFLC program is limited to 44 children per session.
Any future expansion of the LFLC programs or other changes in use that result in an increased wastewater design must first be approved by the Department and will require an amendment to the WMP. Also, any unapproved changes in use that result in a calculated wastewater design flow that exceeds that which is presently permitted is a violation to the NJPDES permit and will render the amendment to the WMP untenable. All sanitary waste generated by the facility will be managed by an on-site septic system.

This revision is being adopted in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5 (b)(1)(ii), which allows the Department to prepare a revision to clarify unclear or outdated information in the areawide WQM plans regarding proposed projects, provided that all other Department approvals were received, in full compliance with applicable regulations, at the time of the most recently adopted areawide WQMP plan or amendment affecting the site.

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Date