

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

ADOPTED AMENDMENT TO THE NORTHEAST WATER QUALITY
MANAGEMENT PLAN

Public Notice

Take notice that on December 4, 2006, 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. 7:15-3.4), an amendment to the Northeast Water Quality Management (WQM) Plan was adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department). This amendment was submitted on behalf of the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioners (PVSC). This amendment will adopt a Wastewater Management Plan (WMP) for PVSC.

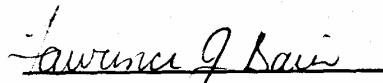
This WMP adopts the transfer of the entire North Bergen Municipal Utilities Authority (NBMUA) Central Wastewater Treatment Plant Wastewater Treatment Plant (WTP) Sewer Service Area (SSA) to the PVSC Sewage Treatment Plant (STP). The Central WTP is located in North Bergen, Hudson County at 43rd Street and Westside Avenue. The total projected wastewater flow transferred from NBMUA's Central WTP to PVSC, calculated in accordance with N.J.A.C 7:14A 23.3, is 10 million gallons per day (MGD). NBMUA is required to prepare, and submit to the Department for review and approval, a Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Long Term Control Feasibility Study and Plan. NBMUA agrees to fully implement the CSO Long Term Control Feasibility Study and Plan approved by the Department. The net loss of capacity at the PVSC treatment plant for treatment of wet weather flows, resulting from the transfer of the NBMUA Central WTP flow to PVSC, shall be addressed by PVSC as part of its CSO Long Term Control Plan. Additionally, Block 751, Lot G in Jersey City, which was located in the PVSC SSA is transferred to the North Hudson Sewerage Authority (NHSA) Sewer Treatment Plant (STP). This property contains a residential project which consists of 32 studio, 45 1-bedroom and 47 2-bedroom units. The total projected wastewater flow transferred from PVSC to NHSA, calculated in accordance with N.J.A.C 7:14A 23.3, is 22,125 gallons per day (GPD).

There is no change in the permitted flows to either the PVSC STP or the NHSA STP proposed as part of this amendment.

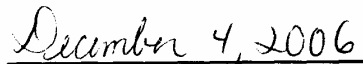
This amendment has been reviewed in accordance with Executive Order 109 (2000) and N.J.A.C. 7:15-5.18. A Threatened and Endangered Species Analysis was performed along with a Riparian Analysis. Both of these analyses were satisfied by removing Landscape Project areas rank 3, 4, and 5, Natural Heritage Priority Sites, 300 foot buffers around all reservoirs, and large contiguous wetlands from the sewer service area.

This amendment proposal was noticed in the New Jersey Register on October 2 2006, at 38 N.J.R. 4252(b) and no comments were received during the comment period.

This amendment represents only one part of the permit process and other issues may need to be addressed prior to final permit issuance. Additional issues which may need to be addressed may include, but are not limited to, the following: compliance with stormwater regulations; 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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