

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

ADOPTED AMENDMENT TO THE NORTHEAST WATER QUALITY
MANAGEMENT PLAN

Public Notice

Take notice that on **JUN 19 2008**, 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 Plan was adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department). This amendment was submitted on behalf of the Bergen County Utility Authority (BCUA). This amendment adopts a Wastewater Management Plan (WMP) for BCUA. The BCUA WMP identifies wastewater management for the following municipalities: Alpine, Bergenfield, Bogota, Carlstadt, Cliffside Park, Closter, Cresskill, Demarest, Dumont, East Rutherford, Emerson, Englewood, Englewood Cliffs, Fairview, Fort Lee, Hackensack, Harrington Park, Hasbrouck Heights, Haworth, Hillside, Leonia, Little Ferry, Lodi, Maywood, Montvale, Moonachie, New Milford, North Bergen, Northvale, Norwood, Old Tappan, Oradell, Palisades Park, Paramus, Park Ridge, Ridgefield, Ridgefield Park, River Edge, River Vale, Rochelle Park, Rockleigh, South Hackensack, Teaneck, Tenafly, Teterboro, Washington, Westwood, Woodcliff Lake and Wood-Ridge.

The BCUA Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) is located in Little Ferry, Bergen County at the Foot of Mehrhof Road. BCUA is currently permitted to discharge 94 million gallons per day (MGD) with an effluent mass loading limitation based on a year round flow of 75 MGD except for Total Suspended Solids (TSS) and Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand (CBOD5) where the winter seasonal loading is based on 84.28 MGD under NJPDES permit #NJ0020028. The proposed WMP includes the transfer of the Ridge at Saddle River proposed development located at Block: 601, Lot: 1 and Block: 1202, Lots:

5 & 6 in the Borough of Saddle River from the Northwest Bergen County Utility Authority (NwBCUA) Sewer Service Area (SSA) to the BCUA SSA. The proposed Ridge at Saddle River will consist of 68 residential units on 23.2 acres and generate a projected wastewater flow of 20,400 gallons per day (gpd) calculated in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:14A – 23.3. There is no change in the permitted flows to either the BCUA WWTP or the NwBCUA WWTP proposed as part of this amendment. Additionally, BCUA was required to prepare, and submit to the Department for review and approval, an Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) long term control feasibility study and plan. BCUA agrees to fully implement the long term I&I control plan approved by the Department.

This proposed 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 Category 1 waters, and large contiguous wetlands from the sewer service area.

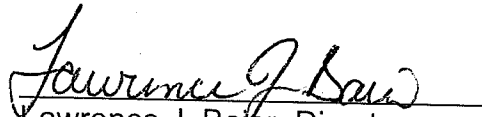
This amendment proposal was noticed in the New Jersey Register on February 19th, 2008 at 40 N.J.R. 891(b). Comments on this amendment were received during the public comment period and are summarized below with the Department's responses. All comments were submitted by Thonet Associates Inc. on behalf of Somers and Malay.

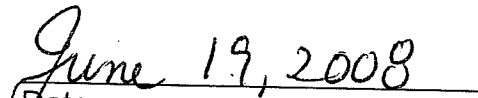
Comment: The comments that the Department received were in reference to the SSA expansion in Saddle River for a proposed 68 residential units. All the comments dealt with stormwater management and construction of stormwater facilities.

Response: The Department did not review the stormwater analysis for this particular portion of the BCUA WMP. The stormwater review is the responsibility

of the local municipal government under N.J.A.C. 7-8. All comments received have been forwarded to the Borough of Saddle Ridge's consultants to address appropriately in the local review.

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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