

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

ADOPTED AMENDMENT TO THE NORTHEAST WATER QUALITY
MANAGEMENT PLAN

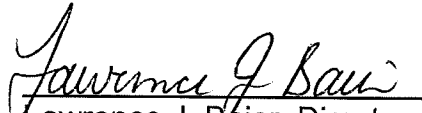
Public Notice

Take notice that on **DEC 11 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 (WQM) Plan was adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department). This amendment was submitted on behalf of Hudson County and adopts a Wastewater Management Plan (WMP) for Hudson County. The Hudson County WMP encompasses the North Bergen Municipal Utility Authority (MUA) Woodcliff Sewerage Treatment Plant (NJPDES #NJ0029084) which discharges to the Hudson River, North Hudson Sewerage Authority (SA) River Road Wastewater Treatment Plant (WTP) (NJPDES #NJ0025321) which discharges to the Hudson River, North Hudson SA Adams Street WTP (NJPDES #NJ0026085) which discharges to the Hudson River and the Secaucus Koelle Boulevard WTP (NJPDES #NJ0025038) which discharges to Mill Creek. The Hudson County WMP is the first WMP for Hudson County and proposes no expansions to any of the Sewer Service Areas (SSA) and no expansions to the permitted capacity of any of the treatment plants.


This amendment was 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, and large contiguous wetlands from the sewer service area.

This amendment proposal was noticed in the New Jersey Register on May 5th, 2008 at 40 N.J.R. 2289(c) 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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Date