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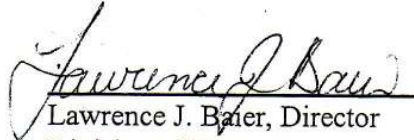
REVISION TO THE NORTHEAST WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

TAKE NOTICE that on **MAR 30 2009**, 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 New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department). This revision corrects/updates the Northeast Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) and the West Milford Township Wastewater Management Plan (WMP) to identify the service area of the existing West Milford Shopping Center Sewage Treatment Plant discharge to surface water that is located on Block 6303, Lots 15 and 16 in West Milford Township, Passaic County, New Jersey. The facility's permit (NJ0024414) notes a flow value of 20,000 gallons per day (GPD). The facility will continue to serve the existing shopping center, including an approximately 11,880 square foot addition to the current Shop Rite building, in which the total resultant wastewater flow would not exceed the 20,000 GPD flow value. Furthermore, this revision updates the digital coverage of adopted wastewater service areas to identify the subject property as sewer service area. This area was, in fact, not removed from sewer service area since the collection system had been installed as of the date of the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (August 10, 2004).

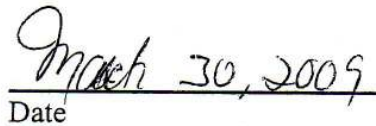
This revision clarifies the narrative of the West Milford Township Wastewater Management Plan which currently identifies the subject property (West Milford Shopping Center) as the "Shop Rite Plaza", and as located within the "Bearfort" Service Area. The "Bearfort" Service Area was a proposed future sewer service area and, therefore, was revoked with the enactment of the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act. The West Milford Shopping Center, however, is an existing site served by an existing permitted facility (located on site) and, thus, by way of this revision is identified as the West Milford Shopping Center Sewage Treatment Plant service area.

In accordance with Section 58:11A-7.1 of the New Jersey Water Quality Planning Act, the amendment adopted on October 6, 2006 immediately revoked previously approved sewer service area in the Highlands Preservation Area where wastewater collection systems had not been installed as of August 10, 2004. This revocation, however, did not extend to any designated sewer service area necessary to serve development in the Highlands Preservation Area that is exempt from the provisions of P.L. 2004, c. 120 (C.13:20-1 et al.) pursuant to subsection a. of section 30 of P.L. 2004, c. 120 (C 13:20-28).

The proposal located at Block 6303, Lots 15 and 16 demonstrated with valid documentation that the project is exempt from the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5(b)1, the Department has determined that the proposed project qualifies as a revision to correct, clarify, or update erroneous, unclear, or outdated statements in an areawide WQMP. This area, therefore, is reinstated as sewer service area in the Northeast WQMP/West Milford Township Wastewater Management Plan and the digital wastewater service area mapping.



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