

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
OFFICE OF LAND AND WATER PLANNING

AMENDMENT TO THE OCEAN COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Public Notice

Take notice that on **OCT 28 1994**, 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 Ocean County Water Quality Management Plan was adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department). This amendment, submitted on behalf of the Jackson Township Municipal Utilities Authority, modifies the sewer service area of the Ocean County Utilities Authority's (Authority) Northern Water Pollution Control Facility to serve an area within the central portion of the Authority's district. To be served by a force main, the sewer service area has been expanded from the existing sewer service area of the adopted October 28, 1987 (amended June 28, 1990, May 18, 1992, and August 19, 1992) Jackson Township Wastewater Management Plan, to include the service areas of existing treatment facilities at the Carl Goetz School and Six Flags Great Adventure Park only.

The force main will run from the Jackson Mills area westerly along Trenton-Lakewood Road (Route #526), then along Patterson Road to Anderson Road, then to Burke Tavern Road and finally southerly, on Burke Tavern Road, to the Six Flags Great Adventure Park property. The existing sewage treatment plant located within the Six Flags Great Adventure Park property will be abandoned and replaced with a pump station.

The Carl Goetz School and Six Flags Great Adventure Park, located in the central portion of the Ocean County Utilities Authority's district (but now served by the Authority's Northern Water Pollution Control Facility located in the northern portion of their district), are the only two properties (as specifically identified below) able to utilize the force main and associated sewage infrastructure. Properties outside of the expanded sewer service area, but within the planning area for the Jackson Township Wastewater Management Plan, and the Central Water Pollution Control Facility may not connect to the force main regardless of proximity to the force main, unless a) a Water Quality Management Plan amendment is approved by the Department; b) there is a documented failing on-site septic system where repair or replacement is infeasible or impracticable; or c) a Department Administrative Consent Order is being enforced specifically directing the flow to the Northern Water

Pollution Control Facility to remediate a public health problem.

Five existing New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) facilities are to be abandoned when the force main becomes available: Fountain Head Mobile Home Park (NJPDES #NJ0035653) and Oak Tree Mobile Home Park (NJPDES #NJ0031267) are located within the current existing sewer service area of the Northern Pollution Control Facility; and, the Carl Goetz School (NJPDES #NJ0069663) and Six Flags Great Adventure Park (NJPDES #NJ0026263-sewage treatment plant and #NJ0052345-spray irrigation field) located in the expanded sewer service area of the Northern Water Pollution Control Facility being addressed in this amendment.

The sewer service area expansion of the Northern Water Pollution Control Facility is solely limited to the following blocks, lots, and flow: Block 1, lots 2, 3.01, 3.02, 3.03, 3.04, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.01, 10.04, 10.05, 11.02, 11.03, 11.04, 12, 21.02, 27.01, 51.01, 51.02, 51.03, 52.02, 58.01, 58.02, 58.04, 58.09, 59, 61, 76, 77, and 80; Block 3.01, lot 20.02; Block 5.01, lot 2; Block 6, lot 5; and Block 7, lot 11.04 (Six Flags Great Adventure Park, discharging a wastewater flow of 1.50 MGD); Block 1, lots 27.02 and 27.04 (Jackson Township Municipal Utilities Authority within the Six Flags Great Adventure Park property); and Block 96.01, lots 41, 46, 47, 48, 49, 54.02, and 55 (Carl Goetz School, discharging a wastewater flow of 0.03 MGD).

Adoption of this amendment in no way guarantees the identified blocks and lots the ability to connect to the force main without providing consistency with other regulations under federal or State statutes or rules.

Further major expansions to the sewer service area within the Jackson Township wastewater management planning area, other than for the purpose of connecting properties with failing on-site septic systems as noted above, will be approved by the Department only upon completion of a Watershed Management Plan for the portion of the Jackson Township wastewater management planning area that includes the Toms River and Metedeconk River. The overall Watershed Management Plan will provide guidance on the protection of the Toms River, Metedeconk River, and other relevant water bodies from water quality impairment generated by new development in the area as required by the Surface Water Quality Standards and other relevant regulations of the Department. The Department anticipates that the watershed management planning process will take no less than three years and no more than five, starting during the State Fiscal Year 1995. Recognizing the potential impact on landowners, the Department may decide to allow amendments



once planning has progressed far enough to provide clear guidance, but before adoption of the Watershed Management Plan. Minor amendments will be considered on a case-by-case basis. This requirement does not modify or annul the currently approved sewer service area for Jackson Township. This watershed management planning venture shall provide extensive opportunities for involvement of the Jackson Township Municipal Utilities Authority, Ocean County Utilities Authority, Ocean County Planning Board, and others, to promote responsible planning for future wastewater and water resource management in Ocean County.

This amendment proposal was noticed in the New Jersey Register on September 6, 1994. A comment on this amendment was received during the public comment period and is summarized below with the Department's response.

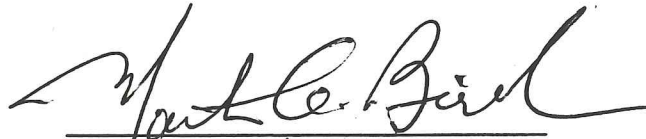
COMMENT: A request was received from the Township of Jackson Environmental Commission (Commission) asking for a 30 day extension of the comment period so that the Commission can obtain the available documentation and perform a detailed review to assess the environmental impacts associated with this amendment.

RESPONSE: The Department has not granted a 30 day extension to the comment period. Since the proposed amendment was submitted in June, 1993, the amendment had undergone an extensive review at the Department, utilizing considerable technical assistance, and was reviewed and approved by the Delaware River Basin Commission. Potential negative impacts to the Toms River and Metedeconk River watersheds, water supply for downstream townships, and the overall environmental effect of the amendment were evaluated.

Also, the Jackson Township Municipal Utilities Authority sewer service expansion proposal was discussed by the Township of Jackson governing body on August 23, 1993 and opened up for public discussion. On September 13, 1993, two members of the Commission commented in regard to the proposal. The Jackson Township governing body addressed their concerns and after no further public discussions were requested, Resolution #352R-93 was adopted by the Township of Jackson in support of the amendment. The Commission has had ample time to request information for review and assessment of the environmental impacts.

This amendment represents only one part of the permit process and other issues will be addressed prior to final permit issuance. Additional issues which were not reviewed in conjunction with this amendment but which may need to be addressed may include, but are not limited to, the following: antidegradation; effluent limitations; water quality analysis; exact locations and designs of future

outfalls, wastewater treatment plant); 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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