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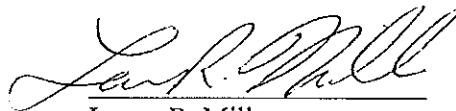
AMENDMENT TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Public Notice

Take notice that on **JUL 30 1999**, 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 Sussex County Water Quality Management Plan was adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection.

This amendment was prepared by the Township of Sparta. ^{WQP Amendment} This amendment expands the sewer service area of the Sparta Town Center, to be served by the White Deer Plaza Wastewater Treatment Facility (50,000 gallons per day [gpd] maximum) and the Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority (SCMUA) Upper Wallkill Treatment Facility (175,000 gpd maximum). Accordingly, Sparta Township has procured the transfer of 175,000 gpd of Franklin Borough's existing unused sewage flow allocation from the SCMUA to be conveyed to the Upper Wallkill Treatment Facility as part of this proposal. The expanded sewer service area includes wastewater from the Sparta Board of Education Middle School and High School that will also be discharged to the SCMUA resulting in the elimination of these New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) permitted discharges. A proposed sanitary force main and Sparta regional pumping station, located in the vicinity of the Sparta High School, will convey the 175,000 gpd flow portion of the expanded sewer service area to the SCMUA Upper Wallkill Treatment Facility in Hardyston Township. In addition, the modification and expansion of the Blue Heron Center service area and the connection of the Tri-County Water Conditioning Company, Inc. to the local collection system when available (resulting in the elimination of another existing NJPDES permitted discharge) are also included in this amendment.

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 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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