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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

AMENDMENT TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Public Notice

Take notice that on **MAR 15 2000**, 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.

These amendment proposals were prepared on behalf of Wantage Township and Sussex Borough. These amendments concurrently modifies the Wantage Township and the Sussex Borough Wastewater Management Plans to designate a sewer service area in Wantage Township (Lots 3 and 5; Block 20) to service an existing shopping center that is currently experiencing water quality problems. A maximum flow of 12,500 gallons per day (gpd) generated from this shopping center will be conveyed to the Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority (SCMUA) Upper Wallkill Treatment Facility in Hardyston Township utilizing the Sussex Borough pump station and force main. These proposals will not exceed the Sussex Borough pump station and force main capacity. Accordingly, Wantage Township has procured the transfer of 10,000 gpd of Franklin Borough's existing uncommitted sewage flow allocation from the SCMUA, for assignment to this property, which will be conveyed to the Upper Wallkill Treatment Facility as part of this proposal. The remaining balance of the maximum flow gallonage will be procured by Wantage Township prior to the submission of Treatment Works Approval applications to the Department.

This amendment was evaluated in accordance with Executive Order 109 and N.J.A.C. 7:15-5.18 and no alternatives analyses are required at this planning stage. 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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