


DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

REVISION TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT  
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TAKE NOTICE that on **APR 20 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 Sussex County Water Quality Management Plan was adopted by the Department. This revision modifies the Sussex County Wastewater Management Plan (WMP) to identify portions of Block 3301, Lots 18 and 19, within Hampton Township, Sussex County as a Discharge to Groundwater Service Area for the Missionary Society of Salesian Sisters Inc. (MSSS). Currently located on Lot 19 is the Camp Auxilliam. This facility, owned and operated by the MSSA, consists of an existing camp and day care with a maximum student and staff population of 500. The existing Camp Auxilliam sanitary septic system is regulated by the Department under a Sanitary Subsurface Sewage Disposal System General Permit (T1 Permit NJPDES# NJG0140333). In addition, located on Lot 18, MSSS operates a Retreat Center consisting of a four-bedroom residence, a chapel and dormitory with 45 rooms. Sanitary wastewater generated from the Retreat is treated independently by an on-site subsurface sewage disposal system located on this parcel. Historically both parcels have common ownership under the Order of the MSSS. Due to this common ownership, Lot 18 was eligible to be included in the T1 General Permit issued for Camp Auxilliam, although at the time, it was inadvertently omitted by the Department. Furthermore, neither of these facilities are identified in the current Sussex County WMP.

Recently, MSSS approached the Department regarding a proposed 1,294 square foot addition to the Retreat dormitory to accommodate 12 new dorm rooms which would necessitate a new on-site subsurface sewage disposal system on Lot 18. As a result of the common ownership of the two parcels and the proposed expansion of the existing Retreat, the Department determined that a new NJPDES Discharge to Groundwater Permit (NJ0173738) identifying portions of Block 3301 Lots 18 and 19 as a single facility owned and operated by the MSSS is warranted. The total projected wastewater flow from all facilities at both the Camp and Retreat, including the proposed 12 new dorm rooms, calculated in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:9A-7.4 is 15,915 gallons per day (gpd).

The Department has determined that the proposed project activity has met all requirements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5(b)4iv and qualifies as a revision regarding a change in estimated planning flow or permitted flow of less than 8,000 gpd to an existing NJPDES- regulated discharge to ground water. As a result of this revision, only the wastewater generating structures located on Lot 18 and 19 will be identified in the Sussex County WMP as a "Discharge to Ground Sewer Service Area for the MSSS with a Planning flow of 15,915 gpd".



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