

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

AMENDMENT TO THE TRI-COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Public Notice

Take notice that on **NOV 23 1998**, 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 Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan was adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department).

This amendment proposal, submitted on behalf of Wrightstown Municipal Utilities Authority (MUA), adopts a Wastewater Management Plan (WMP) for Wrightstown MUA in Burlington County. The proposed WMP identifies the existing sewer service area of the Wrightstown MUA sewage treatment plant (STP) and proposes an expansion to this STP to serve additional growth within the service area and a new development in Springfield Township. The proposed expansion to the sewer service area includes a portion of Springfield Township which consists of Blocks 1902 and 1903, for approximately 300 acres that will include 215 single family dwellings. Additionally, Wrightstown Borough will reassume a parcel of land that is presently part of Fort Dix and will provide sewage treatment for the first time. This parcel is located on the north side of the Union Transportation Railroad Company right-of-way and extends northwest to Sailors Pond Road. The reassumed service area is to include 9,000 gallons per day (gpd) for senior housing, 17,100 gpd for single family dwellings, and 28,125 gpd in commercial flow. Under the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP), the Fort Dix lands are currently designated as a Military and Federal Installation Area. This area is proposed to be redesignated a Regional Growth Area so that sewerage of the area will become consistent with the Pinelands CMP.

The Wrightstown MUA STP has a New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) permit to discharge 0.2 million gallons per day (mgd) into the North Run, a tributary of Crosswicks Creek which is classified as Fresh Water 2 - Nontrout Waters according to the Surface Water Quality Standards (N.J.A.C. 7:9B). The total expansion to the existing permitted wastewater flow is proposed to be 0.3370 mgd.

As part of this WMP proposal, the existing NJPDES permitted HAC Farms wastewater treatment system will be closed and wastewater will be conveyed to the Wrightstown MUA. The remainder of Wrightstown Borough, which will not be served by the Wrightstown MUA, falls within Fort Dix land area. All Fort Dix areas are within the existing sewer service area of the Fort Dix Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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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