DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

ADOPTED AMENDMENT TO THE TRI-COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN
Public Notice

Take notice that on July 14, 2006 , 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 was submitted on behalf of Viking Yacht Company of Bass River Township, Burlington County. This amendment provides for an expansion of the Viking Yacht manufacturing facility, located on Route 9 in Bass River Township, as well as the adjacent marina. Currently all of the wastewater for both the manufacturing facility and the marina is disposed of onsite through multiple subsurface sewage disposal systems. The Viking Yacht facility is currently permitted to discharge up to 17,000 gallons per day to ground water under NJPDES permit NJ0310281. This treatment system currently consists of 16 septic tanks and 5 separate disposal fields. The current system is designed to accommodate 800 employees at any given time. The expansion is projected to generate an additional 20,500 gallons per day to accommodate an additional 300 employees. The adjacent proposed marina expansion will include a 2,000 square foot office, a 150 seat restaurant, a 100 seat bath house, a pool, a 40 seat bar, and a boat storage facility with 8 employees. With the expansion, the total projected wastewater flow from Viking Yacht and the marina would be 37,500 gallons per day. A new onsite wastewater treatment facility with disposal to groundwater will treat all existing and proposed wastewater generated at these facilities. The applicant will employ a Cyclet system to reuse treated wastewater for toilets only, thus conserving potable water for other uses.

This amendment proposal was noticed in the New Jersey Register on May 15, 2006 (38 N.J.R. 2219(a)) and no comments were received during the comment period.

This amendment represents only one part of the permit process and other issues may need to be addressed prior to final permit issuance. Additional issues which may need to be addressed may include, but are not limited to, the following: compliance with stormwater regulations; 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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