

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF LAND USE REGULATION

ADOPTED AMENDMENT TO THE TRI-COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT
PLAN (WQMP)

Public Notice

Take notice that on **SEP 14 2010**, 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 WQMP was adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department). This amendment, submitted on behalf of the Diocese of Camden, expands the sewer service area (SSA) of the Harrison Township / Mullica Hill Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) to serve the Gloucester County Catholic High School (School) located on Block 56, Lot 5 situated on the west side of Bridgeton Pike (State Route 77) in Harrison Township, Gloucester County. The School with cafeteria, showers, and laboratories will accommodate 1,200 students, and 80 staff. The School's projected wastewater flow is 6,953 gallons per day based on monitored flow from existing Catholic schools in the region with similar facilities. Block 56, Lot 5 is 101 acres in size and lies approximately 2,000 feet south of the current Harrison STP SSA. The SSA expansion does not encompass the entire 101 acres of Block 56, Lot 5 but is limited to the footprint of the wastewater generating structures of the main school building, varsity sports field and a maintenance facility building as depicted on the Overall Conceptual Site Plan dated September 2008. The main school building and varsity sports field are to be located in the front 20 acres of the parcel adjacent to Bridgeton Pike and the maintenance facility building is to be located in an area behind adjacent Block 56, Lots 4.01 and 4.02. The amendment also modifies the Harrison Township (Gloucester County) Wastewater Management Plan.

The Harrison STP discharges to Raccoon Creek and is permitted under New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit number (NJ0020532) with a permitted flow of 800,000 gallons per day. The Harrison STP has adequate capacity to treat the additional flow from the School and will not require an expansion or modification.

This amendment proposal was noticed in the New Jersey Register on April 5, 2010 at 42 N.J.R. 735(a) and no comments were received during the public comment period.

This amendment has been reviewed in accordance with Executive Order 109 (2000) and N.J.A.C. 7:15-5.18. The Riparian Corridor Analysis determined no riparian corridors are to be impacted by the SSA expansion. The Endangered and Threatened Species Habitat Analysis indicated no Landscape Project Version 2.1 Rank 3, 4, or 5 species were to be impacted by the SSA expansion. There are wetlands on the School development site (Block 56, Lot 5) and the applicant has received a Freshwater Wetlands Letter of Interpretation/Line Verification (File No. 0808-08-0003.1-FWW080001) to verify the jurisdictional boundary of these wetlands. Water for the School is to be provided by New Jersey American Water (formerly South Jersey Water Supply Company). A Stormwater Ordinance (Ordinance No. 31-2006) for Harrison Township was adopted in 2006.

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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Date