

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF LAND USE PLANNING**

REVISION TO THE Tri-County WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

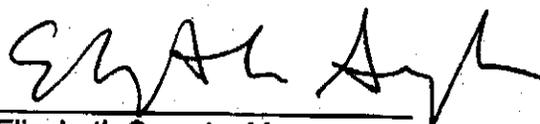
TAKE NOTICE that on January 20, 2012, pursuant to the provisions of the Water Quality Planning Act, N.J.S.A.58:11A-1 et seq., and the Statewide Water Quality Management Planning rules, N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5, a revision to the Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) was adopted by the Department. This revision transfers sewer service for Block 154, Lot 12.05 in the Township of Burlington to the Township of Florence, and allows for the construction two commercial buildings totaling 1,120,551 square feet, as part of the planned Haines Commercial Development Project. It is intended that 21,000 square feet will be used for office space and the remainder used as warehouse space. The two buildings will accommodate 590 employees and will generate a wastewater flow of 16,900 gallons per day (gpd). The flow will be conveyed to the Florence Township Sewage Treatment Plant, currently permitted by the Department (NJ0023701) to treat 2.5 million gallons per day (mgd). There will be no need to expand the existing facility as it has capacity to accept and treat the added flow from the proposed project.

Under N.J.A.C 7:15-3.5(b) 4ii, this revision allows for "substantive changes in Statewide and area wide WQM Plans where the Department determines, based on its assessment that the project for which the revision is proposed complies with the environmental standards established at N.J.A.C. 7:15-5.24 and 5.25 as applicable, that no significant individual or cumulative impacts will occur to environmentally sensitive areas or other natural resources (such as water supplies) due to the proposed revision (individually or in combination with past revisions in the area), that the changes are consistent with N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.6, 3.7 and 3.10 and that certain directly affected municipal and county agencies and other interests as identified by the Department have been provided the

opportunity to review and comment on the proposed revision." Under 3.5(b)4 ii, such changes may include: "The transfer of sewer service area from one domestic treatment works to another, provided that all affected wastewater management plans are current in accordance with the schedule at N.J.A.C 7:15-5.23, the approved sewer service areas in the area wide WQM plan are currently contiguous in the area to be transferred, neither domestic treatment works is subject to a sewer connection ban, the proposed revision includes only areas currently designated for sewer service, both the sending and receiving wastewater management planning agencies concur with the proposed revision, and no new or expanded treatment works other than sewer line extensions is proposed as part of the revision."

The Haines Industrial Center is located in both Florence and Burlington Townships. Burlington Township has no public water or sewer service in the vicinity of Lot 12.05, whereas Florence Township has existing infrastructure available to accommodate the new flow. Both townships are agreeable to the transfer of sewer service area. The Florence Township WMP is current under the rule, however, the Burlington Township WMP is part of the Burlington County-wide WMP which remains a work in progress. The Department recognizes that development of county-wide WMPs has become a longer than anticipated process. Therefore, a revision is deemed appropriate in order to allow the project to move forward without justifiable delay. The Department believes that the transfer of sewer service area in this instance does not contradict the intent of N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5(b) 4ii.

This revision will be noted in both the Florence Township and Burlington Township chapters of the Burlington County Wastewater Management Plan.



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Date