

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Revision to the Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan

Public Notice

Take notice that on **November 23, 2020**, 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. 7:15-3.4, the Department adopted a revision for the Tardiff Property (Program Interest No. PI 435433 Activity No. REV170001) to the Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan and the Bordentown Sewerage Authority Wastewater Management Plan (WMP).

N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.4(a)1 allows the Department to adopt a revision to the areawide WQMP to correct or clarify erroneous or unclear information in the areawide WQMP. This revision transfers Block 139, Lot 9 (portion) in Bordentown Township, Burlington County from the Bordentown Sewerage Authority sewer service area (SSA) to the Fieldsboro Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) SSA. The 0.78 acre parcel is the site of an existing four-bedroom single family home that had been served by an on-site septic system and is now being served by the Fieldsboro STP. The existing wastewater flow is 300 gallons per day calculated in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:14A-23.3. There is no proposed expansion of the Fieldsboro STP to accommodate the home's wastewater flow. The property is located at 101 Burlington Road, just west of the Bordentown Township and Fieldsboro Borough border and is adjacent to the Fieldsboro STP SSA. The Department adopts this revision to reflect the fact that the site is now within the SSA of the Fieldsboro STP SSA.

A draft revision notice was sent to the affected entities for comment on March 20, 2018. On April 9, 2018, the Department received comments from Richard Eustace, Executive Director, the Bordentown Sewerage Authority (BSA).

COMMENT: BSA objects to the WQMP revision to remove the above-referenced property from its sewer service area. BSA maintains that it denied the property owner's request to consent to this revision, that the property is served by an on-site septic system, that the BSA's sewer main is not easily accessible to the property's location, and that the BSA has a longstanding policy that it objects to any efforts potential customers may take to leave its approved Wastewater Management Plan.

RESPONSE: The current Water Quality Management Planning Rule (N.J.A.C. 7:15), which became effective on November 7, 2016, does not require a WQMP revision prior to the transfer of a property from one adopted sewer service area to another. The property received approval to connect to the Fieldsboro Sewage Treatment Plant from Fieldsboro Borough in July of 2017 and documentation was provided demonstrating the actual connection occurred in late 2017. The BSA has stated in their above-referenced letter that their sewer main was not easily accessible to the property. The sole purpose of this revision is to ensure that the adopted sewer service area mapping reflects the fact that the above-referenced property is being served by the Fieldsboro Sewage Treatment Plant.

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