

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

ADOPTED AMENDMENT TO THE UPPER DELAWARE WATER QUALITY
MANAGEMENT PLAN

Public Notice

Take notice that on MAR 21 2002, 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 Upper Delaware Water Quality Management Plan was adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department). This amendment allows construction of a wastewater treatment and subsurface disposal facility to service an increase in the student population of the Alina Lodge, operated by the Little Hill Foundation. The increase in student population is divided as follows: thirty additional beds in the existing structure of the Alina Lodge and twelve additional beds in a new addition to Hope Hall. The property is located on Lot 7 of Block 1103 on Ward's Road in Hardwick Township and is bordered on the south by the Paulinskill River. The additional beds will increase the wastewater flow by approximately 6,300 GPD from 9,300 to 15,300 GPD.

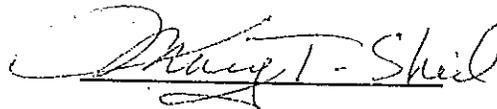
The existing wastewater treatment and disposal infrastructure consists of a series of individual on-site septic systems, serving each of the existing buildings. These septic systems were constructed prior to the current N.J.A.C. 7:9A regulations governing construction of individual subsurface wastewater disposal systems and are inadequate to accommodate increases in the volume of wastewater from modification of the on-site programs and/or expansion of the student population. The proposed plan for this site includes abandoning the existing on-site subsurface disposal system and replacing it with a centralized system for treatment of wastewater prior to discharge to new subsurface disposal beds.

This proposed amendment has been reviewed in accordance with Executive Order No. 109(2000) (E.O. 109) and N.J.A.C. 7:15-5.18. The Depletive/Consumptive analysis for this

amendment is satisfied due to the fact that the water supply is provided by on-site groundwater wells and that the treated wastewater will be discharged to groundwater on-site. No additional water supply will be needed. No other analyses were necessary under E.O. 109 due to the size of the proposed project and because no part of the proposed project is within 75 feet of the top of the stream bank.

This amendment proposal was noticed in the New Jersey Register on February 4, 2002 at 34 N.J.R. 783(b) 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: 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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