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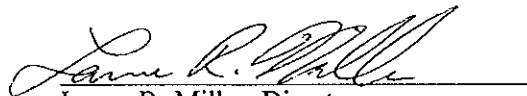
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

AMENDMENT TO THE UPPER RARITAN WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Public Notice

Take notice that on MAR 08 1999, 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 Raritan Water Quality Management Plan was adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department). This amendment, submitted on behalf of K. Hovnanian Companies of North Central Jersey, Inc., allows for multiple options for providing sewer service to the proposed Milligan Farms residential development, located at Block 22, Lot 20, along Route 513 in Union Township, Hunterdon County. The previously adopted Union Township Wastewater Management Plan (WMP) allowed for an on-site discharge to ground water wastewater treatment facility. This amendment provides the alternative of a surface water discharge wastewater treatment facility. The proposed facility will discharge to Sidney Brook, a tributary of the South Branch of the Raritan River, which is classified in the Surface Water Quality Standards (NJAC 7:9B) as Freshwater 2-Non Trout (FW2-NT). The Milligan Farms development proposal has been downsized since the WMP was originally adopted. The proposed wastewater treatment facility, whether utilizing a discharge to ground water or surface water, would serve the proposed 292 unit residential development plus the clubhouse/recreational building and pool backwash. The proposed discharge would be 88,000 gallons per day.

This amendment represents only one part of the permit process and other issues will be addressed prior to final permit issuance. Additional issues which were not reviewed in conjunction with this amendment but 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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