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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 **APR 28 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 A. M. Best Company, amends the Tewksbury Township Wastewater Management Plan. A. M. Best presently operates a wastewater treatment facility which discharges to the North Branch of the Rockaway Creek which is classified in the Surface Water Quality Standards as Fresh Water 2-Trout Production (Category One). This facility operates under NJPDES Number NJ0028452 and has a permitted flow of 7,500 gallons per day (gpd). A. M. Best proposes to expand its office facilities from approximately 107,000 square feet (s.f.) to approximately 228,000 s.f. A.M. Best proposes to abandon its existing wastewater treatment facilities and surface water discharge and replace it with a new treatment facility which will discharge to the ground water. Based on projected flow criteria as found at N.J.A.C. 7:14A-23.3 the projected wastewater flow is 22,800 gpd. A. M. Best is proposing the use of a wastewater recycling system to serve both the existing and new offices. Due to the re-use design A. M. Best has calculated they will actually discharge significantly less wastewater flow. However, this amendment is being proposed to allow for the standard projected flow in the absence of the wastewater recycling design.

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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