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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 **MAY 13 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 Chester Outlet Mall (Mall), amends the Chester Borough Wastewater Management Plan. The amendment allows a new sewage treatment plant (STP) to serve the proposed Mall located on Block 18, Lot 2. The Mall will consist of four buildings with a total area of 110,000 square feet including a combination of retail stores, food service stores and a bank. The proposed STP will discharge 11,000 gallons per day (gpd) to ground water via subsurface sewage disposal beds. The 11.3 acre site is located in the headwaters of the Peapack River and Hacklebarney Brook, both of which are classified by the Surface Water Quality Standards, NJAC 7:9B, as FW2-TP(C1) [Fresh Water 2-Trout Production (Category One)] waters. Due to the environmental sensitivity of the area the site is not being designated as a "Service Area for Wastewater Facilities with Planning Flows of Less Than 20,000 gpd Which Discharge to Water" but rather as a site specific proposal for 11,000 gpd. The site had previously been identified in the Chester Borough WMP as an area for septic service.

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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