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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

ADOPTED AMENDMENT TO THE UPPER RARITAN WATER QUALITY
MANAGEMENT PLAN

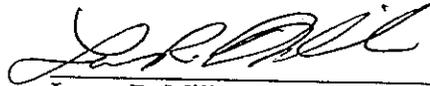
Public Notice

Take notice that on JAN 02 2001, 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 was noticed in the New Jersey Register on November 1, 1999 at 31 N.J.R. 3532(b). No comments were received during the public comment period.

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This amendment, submitted on behalf of Raritan Township Municipal Utilities Authority (RTMUA), expands the sewer service area of the RTMUA to include an 86.5 acre parcel straddling Reaville Road south of Case Boulevard (Block 71, Lots 26, 26.01, 27, 27.01, 28, 28.01, 29 and 30 and Block 72, Lots 7, 8, 9, 9.01 and 10 of Raritan Township) the site of a proposed senior citizen community. The development is to include 86 single family 3-bedroom homes, 108 duplex/quadruplex 2-bedroom units, 34 duplex 1-bedroom units, 10,000 square feet (s.f.) of office/retail, 5,000 s.f. medical clinic/office space and a 5,000 s.f. clubhouse. The proposed flow is 56,700 gallons per day (gpd). However, no expansion of the RTMUA Sewage Treatment Plant flow is proposed due to an offset in flow resulting from a coinciding rezoning of a tract within the existing RTMUA sewer service area from R-5 Planned Residential Development to R-3 Residential Low Density which therefore decreased the proposed flow from that tract. The sewer service area expansion is located within the Second Neshanic River drainage basin and is currently identified in the RTMUA Wastewater Management Plan as "Service Area for Wastewater Facilities With Planning Flows of Less Than 20,000 GPD Which Discharge To Ground Water". As part of this amendment a new Figure IIIa is proposed which provides an improved delineation on a lot basis of the RTMUA sewer service area in Raritan and Readington Townships and Flemington Borough.

This amendment was evaluated in accordance with Executive Order 109 (2000) and N.J.A.C. 7:15-5.18 and no alternatives analyses are required at this planning stage. 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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