

detention basin to a 24-hour detention basin. The Nonpoint Source Pollutant Loading Analysis determined that implementation of these BMPs would result in an overall decrease in nonpoint source pollutant loadings.

This proposed 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.

This notice is being given to inform the public that a plan amendment has been proposed for the Upper Raritan WQM Plan. All information relating to the WQM Plan and the proposed amendment is located at the Department, Watershed Management, PO Box 418, 401 East State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08625. The Department's file is available for inspection between 8:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. An appointment to inspect the documents may be arranged by calling the Watershed Management at (609) 633-3812.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the amendment to WQM Program Docket, Watershed Management, at the Department address cited above with a copy sent to Donald E. Johanson Consulting Engineers at 718 Union Avenue, Brielle, New Jersey 08730. All comments must be submitted within 30 days of the date of this public notice. All comments submitted prior to the close of the comment period shall be considered by the Department in reviewing the amendment request.

Any interested person may request in writing that the Department hold a nonadversarial public hearing on the amendment or extend the public comment period in this notice up to 30 additional days. These requests must state the nature of the issues to be raised at the proposed hearing or state the reasons why the proposed extension is necessary. These requests must be submitted within 30 days of the date of this public notice to WQM Program Docket at the Department address cited above. If a public hearing is held, the public comment period in this notice shall be extended to close 15 days after the public hearing.

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**WATERSHED MANAGEMENT
Adopted Amendment to the Upper Raritan Water
Quality Management Plan
Public Notice**

Take notice that on September 6, 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, an amendment to the Upper Raritan Water Quality Management Plan was adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department). This amendment allows for a residential development known as Pennington Woods, located at Block 61, Lot 17, near the central portion of the Borough of Mount Arlington. The Pennington Woods development will be comprised of 156 two and three bedroom residential units to be constructed on a 73-acre tract and which will generate 39,600 gallons per day (gpd) of wastewater. Wastewater flows from the site are to be conveyed to the Musconetcong Sewage Authority (MSA) Sewage Treatment Plant (STP). The wastewater flows generated from this development shall be part of the existing flow allocation of 330,000 gpd for the Borough within the MSA STP and will reduce the number of infill lots that may be connected to the sewer system. As part of this amendment, WMP responsibility for the Pennington Woods Development site is now transferred from the Borough of Mount Arlington to the MSA.

This amendment was proposed as part of the Borough of Mount Arlington Wastewater Management Plan in the New Jersey Register on

November 6, 1999 at 31 N.J.R. 3534(a). The Department received comments on this part of the proposed amendment.

This amendment was evaluated in accordance with Executive Order No. 109 (2000) (EO 109) and N.J.A.C. 7:15-5.18. The Department's evaluation of this proposed amendment determined that the interbasin transfer of water supply from the Raritan River Basin to the Delaware River Basin to serve the proposed Pennington Woods development combined with the cumulative impacts of previous transfers had the potential to impact the safe yield of the New Jersey Water Supply Authority's (NJWSA) water supply system. Therefore, a final decision on the Pennington Woods Development was not made at the time the Mount Arlington Borough Wastewater Management Plan amendment was adopted on March 2, 2000. The Department deferred decision on this portion of the proposed amendment at that time pending the receipt of further information from the Borough demonstrating that safe yield would not be compromised (see 32 N.J.R. 1651(a); May 1, 2000).

After receipt of information from the Borough, the Department determined that safe yield of the NJWSA would not be compromised as long as the interbasin transfer of wastewater be treated the same as a new ground/surface water diversion in the Raritan River Basin. In order for the Pennington Woods development project to meet the Department requirements, the Borough of Mount Arlington and the NJWSA entered into a binding water purchase contract. The water purchase contract dated June 5, 2001, provides that the Borough of Mount Arlington will purchase 39,600 gpd of water that is part of the safe yield of the NJWSA. This agreement satisfies the Department's concerns regarding depletive water consumption in the Raritan River Basin associated with the interbasin transfer of the 39,600 gpd of generated wastewater from the Pennington Woods development that will be treated by the MSA STP and subsequently discharged to the Musconetcong River. This water purchase agreement will serve as a method of tracking the demand versus the known impact on the safe yield/depletive water consumption in the Raritan River Basin.

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**WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
Proposed Amendment to the Mercer County Water
Quality Management Plan
Public Notice**

Take notice that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) is seeking public comment on a proposed amendment to the Mercer County Water Quality Management (WQM) Plan. This amendment proposal was submitted by Schoor DePalma, Inc. on behalf of the Washington Township Board of Education to see approval for expansion of sewer service area to accommodate flow from proposed development. This development would involve construction of new high school at Block 5, Lots 19, 20, and 21 in Washington Township, Mercer County, New Jersey.

This site is expected to generate a maximum of 25,000 gallons per day (gpd) of wastewater. This wastewater would be conveyed to the Hamilton Township Water Pollution Control Utility from the existing Washington Township MUA for treatment and disposal. Washington Township currently has an agreement with Hamilton Township to accept and treat up to 2.5 million gallons of wastewater per day. The treated wastewater would be discharged to the Crosswicks Creek, which is classified as a FW2-NT waterbody. The Washington Township Wastewater Plan an