

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

ADOPTED AMENDMENT TO THE UPPER RARITAN WATER QUALITY  
MANAGEMENT PLAN

Public Notice

Take notice that on **DEC 02 2004**, 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 Water Quality Management Plan was adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department). This amendment provides for the connection of the existing Voorhees State Park Residential Group Juvenile Justice Center (JJC), in the Township of Lebanon, Hunterdon County, to the Town of Clinton Sewage Treatment Plant (STP). The Town of Clinton STP discharges to the South Branch, Raritan River. The JJC is a State operated youth detention facility that leases approximately 7 acres within the boundaries of the 503 acre Voorhees State Park. The leased property location is bounded to the east by County Route 513. The JJC facility accommodates 27 clients and support staff. No expansion of the facility is proposed. The projected wastewater flow generated from the facility, calculated in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:14A-23.3, is 2,025 gallons per-day (gpd).

In 1997, the individual subsurface sewage disposal system installed to serve the JJC campus failed. Therefore, generated wastewater is currently conveyed to a holding tank. The holding tank is periodically emptied by a licensed waste hauler. This amendment allows for the connection to the main sanitary sewer line.

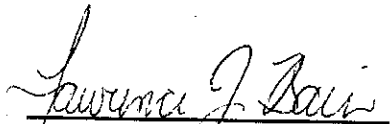
to the High Bridge collection system. This collection system conveys wastewater to the Town of Clinton STP.

On June 1, 1970, the State of New Jersey entered into a contractual agreement with the Borough of High Bridge. This agreement provided for the conveyance and treatment of 70,000 gpd of reserved wastewater treatment capacity allocated to the lands of the State covering Spruce Run Recreation Area and the State Administration building west of State Route 31 in the Township of Clinton. The agreement was subsequently amended on October 4, 1983 to provide 30,136 gpd of the 70,000 of wastewater treatment capacity for the sole use of the Borough of High Bridge, leaving 39,863 gpd of sanitary wastewater treatment capacity reserved for the State. Of this remaining sanitary wastewater treatment capacity, 31,500 gpd was allocated for the potential development of the Spruce Run Recreation Area and 8,220 gpd was set aside for the future development of Voorhees State Park. This proposed amendment for the utilization of 2,025 gpd by the Juvenile Justice Center facilities will leave 6,195 gpd of reserved sanitary wastewater treatment capacity for future development within Voorhees State Park.

This amendment proposal was noticed in the New Jersey Register on September 7, 2004 at 36 N.J.R. 4178(b) and no comments were received during the comment period.

This amendment was evaluated in accordance with Executive Order 109 (2000) (EO109) and N.J.A.C. 7:15-5.18. This evaluation determined that the threshold for Executive Order 109 (2000) (EO109) was not triggered, therefore alternative and environmental impact analyses were not required.

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; stormwater management; 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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