

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

ADOPTED AMENDMENT TO THE UPPER RARITAN WATER QUALITY  
MANAGEMENT PLAN

Public Notice

**Take notice** that on June 16, 2005, 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 submitted on behalf of West Morris Central High School and Washington Township Elementary School. The existing West Morris Regional High School is located on a 64.95 acre parcel Block 17, Lot 8 in Washington Township and Mount Olive Township, Morris County, New Jersey. However, only Block 17, Lot 8 in Washington Township is the subject of this amendment. The West Morris Regional High School is currently served by a Discharge to Groundwater (DGW) facility operating under NJPDES permit NJ0073601. To accommodate growth of the student population, improvements are planned to the West Morris Regional High School. The improvements to the High School include expanding the school and extending a 2.7 mile sewer line to the Washington Township Municipal Utility Authority (WTMUA) Long Valley Sewer Treatment Plant (STP). The High School's total population will be expanding from 1,230 persons to 1,650 persons, including both staff and students. After the expansion is complete, the existing on-site system will be abandoned once the connection is made to the Long Valley STP. The West Morris Regional High School will convey 17,000 gallons per day (gpd) (calculated in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:14 A - 23.3 based on total population) to the Long Valley STP.

The proposed Washington Township Elementary School is located on Block 12, Lot 37. The 30.06 acre lot is located in Washington Township, Morris County. The proposed Elementary School's total population will be 816 persons, including

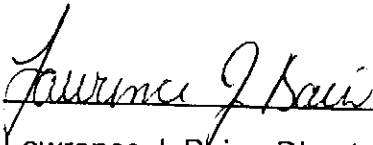
both staff and students. The proposed Elementary School includes a 0.5 mile extension to the WTMUA Schooley's Mountain STP. The proposed Washington Township Elementary School will convey 11,625 gpd to Schooley's Mountain STP calculated in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:14 A - 23.3 based on total population.

The line extension to Schooley's Mountain STP is dedicated for the sole use of the Washington Township Elementary School. No additional connections will be permitted for the Washington Township Elementary School's force main. The sewer extension for the Washington Township Elementary School will be constructed as a force main and to the minimal size requirements necessary to accommodate solely the school's projected flow.

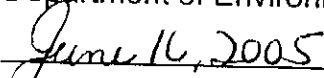
The line extension to Long Valley STP is dedicated for the sole use of the West Morris Regional High School. The line from the West Morris Regional High School will be constructed utilizing a joint force and gravity main. As a condition of this amendment in accordance with resolutions passed by Washington Township #R-53-05 on March 21<sup>st</sup> 2005 and the Washington Township Municipal Utility Authority #05-03-C on March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2005, no property can tie into any portion of the line from the West Morris Regional High School to Long Valley's Sewer Service Area without completing the WQMP amendment process including submittal of a complete WMP update. The only projects that will be considered for this WQMP amendment process are residential structures that were in existence on or before the Highlands Water Protection Act adoption on August 10<sup>th</sup> 2004 that will continue as solely residential use structures and that can justify connection due to documented malfunctioning subsurface sewerage disposal systems that can not be remediated on site due to site limitations.

This amendment proposal was noticed in the New Jersey Register on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005 at 37 N.J.R. 913(a) and no comments were received during the comment period.

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; stormwater management; 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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