


DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

REVISION TO THE UPPER RARITAN WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT
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TAKE NOTICE that on **MAR 23 2006**, pursuant to the provisions of the 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. 7:15-3.5, a revision to the Upper Raritan Water Quality Management Plan was adopted by the Department. This revision has been prepared pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5(b)2 which provides for a transfer or assignment of wastewater management planning responsibility through an adopted revision. The Readington-Lebanon Sewage Authority (RLSA) is the current responsible wastewater management planning agency for the Township of Readington, Hunterdon County and the Borough of Lebanon, Hunterdon County. The RLSA has adopted Resolution #03-19, whereby the RLSA agreed to relinquish wastewater management plan responsibilities to the Township of Readington and the Borough of Lebanon. This resolution was initiated due to the fact that the RLSA desired to have both the Township of Readington and the Borough of Lebanon maintain full and direct control over wastewater management planning activities as they relate to their respective municipalities and the Borough of Lebanon and the Township of Readington concurred.

As specified in N.J.A.C 7:15-5.13(a), "With the consent of the Department and the parties making and receiving the transfer, wastewater management plan responsibility for all or part of a wastewater management plan area may be transferred from one government unit or private person to another". Therefore, the Township of Readington adopted Ordinance #15-2003 accepting the transfer of wastewater management responsibility from the RLSA as they relate to the Township of Readington. In addition, the Borough of Lebanon adopted Ordinance #2003-09 in which the Borough accepted the transfer of wastewater management plan responsibility from the RLSA, "for and in conjunction" with the independent Lebanon Borough Sewer Authority. Furthermore, the Lebanon Borough Sewer Authority (LBSA) duly adopted Resolution #20-2003 where the Authority accepted the transfer of jurisdiction and control over the wastewater management planning activities for the Borough of Lebanon. As a result of the respective adopted ordinances and resolutions which identifies alternative assignments and which sought full agreement and cooperation from all entities involved, the Department hereby supports this transfer of WMP responsibility.

Therefore, WMP responsibility for the Borough of Lebanon is hereby granted to the LBSA. WMP responsibility for Readington Township is hereby granted to the Township of Readington except for that portion of Readington Township for which the Raritan Township Municipal Utility Authority has WMP responsibility.



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