

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

ADOPTED AMENDMENT TO THE UPPER RARITAN WATER QUALITY
MANAGEMENT PLAN (WQMP)

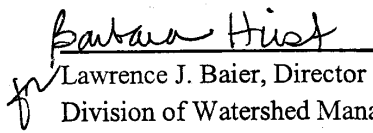
Public Notice

Take notice that on **SEP 19 2008**, 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 WQMP was adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department). This amendment, submitted on behalf of the Readington Township Board of Education allows for the abandonment of the Readington Board of Education Wastewater Treatment Facility, which discharges to a small tributary of Chambers Brook, (NJPDES # NJ0026697) and the removal of its sewer service area, which consists of the Holland Brook School (Block 48, Lot 21.01) and Readington Middle School (Block 48, Lot 20) in Readington Township. This amendment also approves an expansion to the sewer service area of the Readington-Lebanon Sewerage Authority to include the existing schools on Block 48, Lot 20 and 21.01 in Readington Township. The existing Holland Brook School and Readington Middle School generate 4,061 gallons per day (GPD) based on current monitoring data. The Readington-Lebanon Sewerage Authority, which discharges to Rockaway Creek, has available capacity within its existing permit (NJPDES # NJ00098922) to receive this additional flow. No expansion to the existing schools or increase in wastewater flows generated from these properties is proposed as part of this amendment. This proposal will require the construction of a new pump station and a force main from the school properties, up Suydam Street, onto Pulaski Road, ultimately connecting to the existing Oakland Drive pump station. The use of this new infrastructure will be restricted to serve the existing schools on Block 48, Lot 20 and 21.01 in Readington Township, exclusively.

This proposed amendment has does not trigger the thresholds established for Executive Order 109 (2000) and N.J.A.C. 7:15-5.18.

This amendment proposal was noticed in the New Jersey Register on September 2, 2008 at 40 N.J.R. 5072 (b) 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: compliance with stormwater regulations; 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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Date