

**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (WRM)  
COORDINATION**

**Revision to the Upper Raritan and Lower Raritan/ Middlesex County Water  
Quality Management Plans**

**Public Notice:**

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**Take Notice** that on \_\_\_\_\_, 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 and Lower Raritan/ Middlesex County Water Quality Management Plans was adopted by the Department. This revision will provide for the connection of a residential dwelling with attached office space, located on Block 201; Lot 17, Watchung Borough, Somerset County to the Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority (SRVSA) sewage treatment plant (STP). The projected wastewater flow, as a result of the connection of the dwelling to the STP, is 360 gallons per day. No expansion to the SRVSA STP is proposed to accommodate the projected increase from the expanded service area.

This revision resulted from a request submitted to the Department on behalf of the property owner, Mr. Robert Berlant for the connection of an existing residential dwelling with attached office space with a failing septic system, to an adjacent sanitary sewer system line. The applicant demonstrated through an independent septic system inspection and subsequent confirmation and documentation from the local health officer, that it is not feasible to repair or replace the malfunctioning septic system in full compliance with N.J.A.C. 7:9A. In addition, the local health officer certified that the failed septic system at the subject property is within 100 feet of the sanitary sewer line, therefore the statute prohibits the administrative authority (local health office) from approving a new installation or alteration to the existing septic system. As a result, the connection to the nearby sewer main is necessary.

Furthermore, the Department determined that an existing sewer line, contiguous to the parcel where the existing structure is located, conveys wastewater to the SRVSA STP. However, as identified in the Lower Raritan/Middlesex County Wastewater Management Plan, this parcel is currently within the designated sewer service area to be served by the Middlesex County Municipal Utility Authority STP.

Based on the above, the Department concluded that this revision, to provide for the the expansion of SRVSA STP sewer service area to include Block 201; Lot 17, Watchung Borough, Somerset County for the sewer connection to an existing structure with a malfunctioning subsurface sewage disposal system that is not feasible to repair or replace, is necessary and beneficial to both protecting water quality and public health.

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