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The Honorable Lee C. Honecker  
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Subject: RMP Update, Bernardsville Sewage Treatment Plant

Dear Mayor Honecker:

This letter is to advise you that the Highlands Council has approved a RMP Update to the Highlands Regional Master Plan (RMP) to correct the facility capacity of the Bernardsville Sewage Treatment Plant (NJPDES: NJ0026387) to 0.8 million gallons per day (MGD) from 0.5 MGD. The need for this update was identified by the Borough's Plan Conformance Committee and professionals during the preparation of the Municipal Build-Out Report for the Borough of Bernardsville. Highlands Council staff consulted with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding the revised facility capacity. We are pleased to verify the correct facility capacity of 0.8 MGD.

The Land Use Capability Map-Domestic Sewerage Facilities Map on pages 120-121 of the RMP as adopted indicates that the Bernardsville STP has no remaining capacity, based on the reported facility capacity of 0.5 MGD and recent flows. As one result of this RMP Update, this map will be corrected to show a current available capacity of 0.01 to 0.09 MGD (orange) based on the revised available capacity of 0.083 MGD as reflected in the Municipal Build-Out Report (page 8). The map will be revised to address this and other RMP Updates in the future, and then posted on-line. Until that time, you may rely on this RMP Update approval for any issues affecting the potential use of wastewater capacity in your municipality.

We thank the Borough of Bernardsville for bringing this RMP Update to our attention, and look forward to continued coordination through the Plan Conformance process.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Director