

NJ Clean Water Council Public Hearing

Improving Water Quality Planning & Management

Tuesday, October 10, 2006

Summary of Presentation by Fletcher Platt

Fletcher Platt presented the attached Exhibit titled, "New Jersey Water Quality Planning Hierarchy" to illustrate the significance of many of the recommendations made by the panel of speakers. The primary points were:

- A) WMP regulations and procedures must be integrated with other State of New Jersey regulations including the Municipal Land Use Law and the New Jersey State Development and Re-Development Plan. This is necessary to achieve consistency.
- B) The 43 New Jersey Wastewater Authorities which are designated WMP Planning Agencies do not have legal authority over land use, septic systems, non-point source pollution and in most cases potable water.
- C) All planning should be based on common data. NJDEP has extensive environmental data that must be shared with WMP agencies and municipalities.
- D) Municipal Master Plans should drive the WMP process.
- E) NJDEP Division of Watershed Management does not currently accept the State Plan as meeting the E.O. 109 requirement.

Fletcher Platt concluded his statement by stressing that all NJ Planning Rules should be consolidated so that one municipal planning effort will meet all of the regulatory requirements.