DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

AMENDMENT TO THE ATLANTIC COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Public Notice

Take notice that on SEP 1 1999 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, the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) approved and adopted a portion of a proposed amendment to the Atlantic County Water Quality Management Plan. The amendment proposal sought to expand the sewer service area of the Atlantic County Utilities Authority - City Island Treatment Plant to include the following areas in Galloway Township: parcel H, consisting of Block 1171, Lots 8, 9.01, 9.02, and 10 through 14; parcel A, consisting of Block 1202, Lots 3 and 4; and Parcel L, consisting of Block 1177, Lot 3.

A comment on the amendment proposal was received during the public comment period and is summarized below with the Department's response.

Comment: The Pinelands Commission commented that parcel A is located within the Pinelands National Reserve in an area designated as a Rural Development Area. Sewering of a Rural Development Area would only be consistent with the provisions of the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan if it is intended to serve existing development where a public health problem has been identified (N.J.A.C. 7:50-5.26(b)10). It does not appear that the planned sewer service area expansion meets these criteria.

Response: The Department concurs with the findings of the Pinelands Commission as per N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.7(a) which requires that comments be sought from the Pinelands Commission on proposed Water Quality Management plan amendments pertaining to the Pinelands Area defined at N.J.S.A. 13:18A-11 or the Pinelands National Reserve defined at 16 U.S.C. Section 471i(c) to ensure that such amendments are consistent with the intent and programs of the Pinelands Protection Act, N.J.S.A. 13:18A-1 et seq. and section 502 of the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978, 16 U.S.C. Section 471i. It is also required by N.J.A.C. 7:7E-3.44(b) that coastal development shall be consistent with the intent, policies and objectives of the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978, P.L. 95-625, Section 502, creating the Pinelands National Reserve, and the State Pinelands Protection Act of 1979 (N.J.S.A. 13:18A-1 et seq.).

Since this amendment was prepared in accordance with 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), and, since the Department received no significant comments during the comment period on parcel H, consisting of Block 1171, Lots 8, 9.01, 9.02, and 10 through 14; or Parcel L, consisting of Block 1177, Lot 3, the

portion of the amendment pertaining to these parcels is now formally adopted. In consideration of the comments from the Pinelands Commission, however, the portion of the amendment that would add parcel A, consisting of Block 1202, Lots 3 and 4, to sewer service area is disapproved.

This amendment represents only one part of the permit process and other issues will be addressed prior to final permit issuance. Additional issues which were not reviewed in conjunction with this amendment but which may need to be addressed may include, but are not limited to, the following: 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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