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PUBLIC NOTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

WATERSHED AND LAND MANAGEMENT

DIVISION OF WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

Proposed Amendment to the Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan

Take notice that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) is seeking public comment on a proposed amendment to the Tri-County Water Quality Management (WQM) Plan in accordance with the New Jersey Water Quality Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 58:11-1 et seq., and the Water Quality Management Planning rules, N.J.A.C. 7:15. The proposed amendment, identified as the “Burlington Resource Recovery Complex Expansion” (Program Interest No. 435433 Activity No. AMD240001) would allow for the expansion of the permitted flow from 0.07 million gallons per day (mgd) to 0.13 mgd for the Burlington County Resource Recovery Wastewater Treatment Plant (WTP) (NJPDES No. NJ0055395) located on Block 44, Lot 6, in Mansfield Township, Burlington County. The SSA of the WTP is not the subject of the amendment as no change in the SSA is proposed; however, an amendment is needed in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.2(c) for the proposed expanded flow.

This notice represents the Department’s determination that the proposed amendment is compliant with the applicable regulatory criteria at N.J.A.C. 7:15, as described below.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.3(b), site specific amendments are limited to proposed alterations to the eligible SSA needed to address a specific project or activity. N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5(j)2 requires that site specific amendments proposing to add 100 or more acres or generating 20,000 gpd or more of wastewater flow shall include a proposed modification to the wastewater treatment capacity analysis prepared in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.5(b) to include the proposed project or activity. The proposed

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project involves more than 100 acres and/or would generate 20,000 gpd or more of wastewater flow. However, since the amendment is for the expansion of the treatment plant to address capacity issues, no further capacity analysis is required.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(h)1 and 2, the Department considered the land uses allowed in adopted zoning ordinances, future land uses shown in adopted municipal and county master plans, and other local land use objectives. Florence Township issued Resolution 2024-100 on April 10, 2024, stating that the project was not inconsistent with the Municipal Master Plan or in conflict with municipal ordinances or zoning standards. The Township of Mansfield issued a letter dated March 22, 2024, stating the project is consistent with the Township's Master Plan and zoning ordinances. The Burlington County Planning Department issued a letter dated March 5, 2024, stating that Burlington County has not adopted a master plan. The Burlington County Department of Resource Conservation issued a letter of support for the amendment on March 1, 2024.

This notice is to inform the public that a plan amendment has been proposed for the Tri-County WQM Plan. All information related to this plan and the proposed amendment is located at:

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Watershed Protection and Restoration
Bureau of NJPDES Stormwater Permitting and Water Quality Management
Water Quality Management Planning Program
PO Box 420, Mail Code 501-02A
501 East State Street
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0420

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The Department's file is available for inspection between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, upon request. An appointment to inspect the file must be arranged by calling the Bureau of NJPDES Stormwater Permitting and Water Quality Management at (609) 633-7021.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed amendment to the Department at the address cited above or at the email: wqmp.publiccomments@dep.nj.gov. Comments should reference Program Interest No. 435433, Activity No. AMD24001 and must be submitted within 30 days of the date of this public notice.

Interested persons may request in writing that the Department hold a nonadversarial public hearing on the amendment or extend the public comment period specified in this notice. Such requests should reference Program Interest No. 435433, Activity No. AMD240001 and must demonstrate sufficient public interest for the public hearing or extension of the comment period, as defined at N.J.A.C. 7:1D-5.2(d). The request must be submitted within 30 days of the date of this notice to the Department address cited above. Should the Department decide to hold a public hearing, additional notice will be published in a future issue of the New Jersey Register and the comment period will be extended to 15 days after the public hearing. All comments submitted prior to the close of the comment period shall be considered by the Department before making a final decision on the proposed amendment.

Sewer service is not guaranteed should this amendment be adopted as it represents only one part of the permit process, and other issues may need to be addressed. Inclusion in the SSA as a result of the approval of this amendment does not eliminate the need to obtain all necessary permits, approvals or certifications required by any Federal, State, county or municipal review agency with jurisdiction over this project/activity.

5/1/2024

Date

SIGNED

Gabriel Mahon, Bureau Chief

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