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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 holding a public hearing and extending the public comment period for 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. 58:11A-et seq., and the Water Quality Management Planning rules, N.J.A.C. 7:15. The proposed amendment, identified as “Russo Warehouse Harrison,” also known as “Swedesboro Warehousing,” (Program Interest No. 435433, Activity No. AMD220001), would expand the sewer service area (SSA) of the Gloucester County Utilities Authority (GCUA) Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) by 73.07 acres on Block 46, Lot 2, Block 47, Lots 1, 2, 3, 3.01, and 4, in Harrison Township, Gloucester County. The remaining 87.25 acres of the project site are located within the currently approved SSA of the GCUA STP within Woolwich Township. The overall project is for four proposed warehouses, one that includes food processing, and associated office space in each. Buildings A and C straddle the municipal border, being partially within the currently approved SSA within Woolwich Township and partially outside of the SSA within Harrison Township. Building A will be 933,610 square feet (sf) food processing space and 29,706 sf office space and Building C will be 295,714 sf of warehouse space and 16,603 sf of office space. Buildings B and D are within the currently approved SSA in Woolwich Township and are

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not the subject of this amendment. The entire project would generate a projected wastewater flow of 136,000 gallons per day (gpd), with 105,894 gpd of the total associated with Buildings A and C. The wastewater is to be received by the GCUA STP, New Jersey Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) Permit No. NJ0024686, via the Woolwich Township Regional Wastewater and Conveyance System, based on flow calculated in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:14A-23.3. A public notice of the proposed amendment was previously published in the January 16, 2024, New Jersey Register at 56 N.J.R. 156(a). Additionally, notice was made available on the WQM Planning Program Public Notices webpage at <https://www.nj.gov/dep/wqmp/wmpnotices.html> and through a Listserv announcement.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5(g)8 and N.J.A.C. 7:1D-5.2, a virtual public hearing will be held by the Department on the proposed amendment at which time all interested persons may appear and shall be given an opportunity to be heard. The public hearing will take place on June 4, 2024, at 10 AM as a virtual Microsoft Teams web meeting only. The hearing will conclude at 12 PM or the conclusion of all public testimony, whichever is earlier. Details on how to access the hearing will be made available at <https://www.nj.gov/dep/wqmp/wmpnotices.html> one day before the public hearing. For those without access to web meetings, the hearing will also be accessible by phone for audio only. The phone number and access code for joining the web meeting via phone can be obtained by calling (609) 633-7021 or emailing [wqmp@publiccomments@dep.nj.gov](mailto:wqmp@publiccomments@dep.nj.gov). Commenters that anticipate providing verbal testimony are encouraged to notify the Department in advance by calling (609) 633-7021 or emailing [wqmp.publiccomments@dep.nj.gov](mailto:wqmp.publiccomments@dep.nj.gov) to ensure a timely and streamlined public hearing process. The Department will record the meeting as part of the public record.

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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 & 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

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 & Water Quality Management (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](mailto:wqmp.publiccomments@dep.nj.gov). Comments should reference Program Interest No. 435433, Activity No. AMD220001 and must be submitted within 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

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permits, approvals or certifications required by any Federal, State, county or municipal review agency with jurisdiction over this project/activity.

2/21/24  
Date

Signed  
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Bureau of NJPDES Stormwater Permitting and Water Quality Management  
Division of Watershed Protection and Restoration  
NJ Department of Environmental Protection