DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

AMENDMENT TO THE LOWER DELAWARE WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Public Notice

Take notice that on MAY 2 0 1996 , 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), an amendment to the Lower Delaware Water Quality Management Plan was adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department). This amendment was submitted on behalf of the Woodstown Sewerage Authority (WSA) and updates the WSA Wastewater Management Plan (WMP). The amendment identifies a rerating of the WSA Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) from 0.5 million gallons per day (mgd) to 0.53 mgd. The WSA STP discharges into the Salem Creek which is classified in the Surface Water Quality Standards (N.J.A.C. 7:9B) as Fresh Water 2 - Nontrout Waters/Saline Waters of Estuaries 1 (FW2-NT/SE1).

The rerated WSA STP will serve 579 additional connections within the Borough of Woodstown over the next twenty years. In addition, this STP will provide up to 100,000 gallons per day (gpd) of treatment capacity for the Salem County Facilities located within Mannington and Pilesgrove Townships. The entire Borough of Woodstown and the Salem County Facilities in Mannington and Pilesgrove Townships were previously identified as proposed sewer service area of the WSA STP. In addition, 2,000 gpd of treatment capacity is planned to serve a proposed Woodstown/Pilesgrove Board of Education 100 student school to be located at Block 36, Lot 17 in Pilesgrove Township.

The existing and proposed sewer service area maps of the WSA WMP are amended to include nine additional homes in Pilesgrove Township, which presently receive sewer service from the WSA, that were inadvertently not included within the original WSA WMP. The proposed Woodstown/Pilesgrove school site in Pilesgrove Township, which is almost contiguous with the Woodstown Borough boundary, was also shown as proposed sewer service area of the WSA STP. No additional sewer service is proposed to be extended into Pilesgrove or Mannington Townships. The Woodstown/Pilesgrove school site and the existing nine homes identified above join Woodstown Borough and the other parcels in Pilesgrove and Mannington Townships served by the WSA STP as part of the WSA WMP planning area.

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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