## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

AMENDMENT TO THE MERCER COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Public Notice

Take notice that on NOV 0 7 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 Mercer County Water Quality Management Plan was adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department). This proposal, submitted on behalf of Lehigh Housing Development Corporation, amends the Hopewell Township Wastewater Management Plan (WMP). The amendment allows the proposed 125,698 square foot Hopewell Town Center Shopping Plaza, located on Route 31 (Block 78, Lot 15.02), to be served by an on-site discharge to ground water wastewater treatment facility until such time as the Ewing-Lawrence Sewerage Authority (ELSA) extends service to this area. The site is presently located within the proposed ELSA sewer service area as identified in the Hopewell Township WMP. The proposed wastewater discharge to ground water is 0.013 million gallons per day.

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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