DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION OF LAND USE PLANNING

REVISION TO THE MERCER COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

TAKE NOTICE that on Quality Planning Act, N.J.S.A.58:11A-1 et seq, and the Statewide Water Quality Management Planning rules, N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5, a revision to the Mercer County Water Quality Management Plan was adopted by the Department. This revision will provide for the connection of an existing structure located on Block 1901, Lot 11, Princeton New Jersey, Mercer County to the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority (SBRSA) river Road Sewage Treatment Plant (STP). The projected wastewater flow as a result of the connection of the structure to the STP is 300 gallons per day. No expansion to the SBRSA STP is proposed to accommodate the projected increase from the expanded service area.

This revision resulted from a request submitted to the Department on behalf of the property owner, Martha Sword and the Tenacre Foundation for the proposed connection of the existing structure to an adjacent sanitary sewer system due to an on-site failing septic system. The applicant demonstrated through documentation from the local health authority as a result of a site visit, that it is not feasible to repair or replace the malfunctioning septic system in full compliance with N.J.A.C. 7:9A. Furthermore, the Department determined that the parcel is located contiguous to a parcel with an existing sewer line to the STRSA River Road STP. As identified in the Mercer County-wide Wastewater Management Plan, Block 1901, Lot 11 is not within any designated sewer service area therefore, to abate a potential pollution problem, this revision will allow the existing structure to connect to the accessible existing sewer line to the SBRSA, STP located adjacent to the property.

Consequently, the proposed expansion of the SBRSA River Road STP sewer service area is necessary and qualifies as a revision in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5(b)4ix for the sewer connection to an existing structure with a failing septic system that is not feasible to repair or replace and where the property is contiguous to the existing sewer line.

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Date