## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

## REVISION TO THE NORTHEAST WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

TAKE NOTICE that on January 29, 2007 pursuant to the provisions of the Water Quality Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 58:11A-1 et seg., and the Statewide Water Quality Management Planning rules, N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5, a revision to the Northeast Areawide Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) was adopted by the Department. This revision modifies the condition attached to the EnCap Golf Holdings amendment for the Meadowlands Golf Redevelopment Project, which condition allowed the use of potable water for irrigation of the proposed golf course on an interim basis until October 2007. The revision was requested to extend this period for two years because the golf course construction schedule has been delayed and it is unlikely that irrigation water for the golf course will be needed until the spring of 2009. The applicant has been investigating alternate water supplies for the Meadowlands Golf Redevelopment Project, and as a result of that investigation has concluded that on-site groundwater wells are the only feasible alternative based on fiscal and technical considerations. However, it will likely take three years from the date of application to secure a water allocation permit to develop this water supply. Given the delay in the construction schedule of the project and the length of time required to secure a water allocation, the Department concludes that extending the allowed time for use of potable water for irrigation to October 31, 2009 is consistent with the intent of the original amendment condition, and does not materially result in the use of additional potable water for irrigation beyond that which was contemplated by the amendment. This revision is being adopted as an update to the previously amendment for the approved Meadowlands redevelopment Project in accordance with N.J.A.C.7:15-3.5(b)1.

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