

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

REVISION TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY AND UPPER DELAWARE, WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

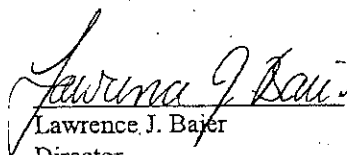
TAKE NOTICE that on JAN 23 2003, pursuant to the provisions of the Water Quality Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 58:11A-1 et seq., and the Statewide Water Quality Management Planning rules, N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5, a revision to the Sussex County and Upper Delaware, Water Quality Management Plans was adopted by the Department.

This revision updates the Sussex County-Wide and Musconetcong Sewerage Authority (MSA), Wastewater Management Plans (WMP) to include a 0.5 million gallons per day (MGD) addition to the MSA Wastewater Treatment Plant (WTP). The additional 0.5 MGD capacity will be dedicated to serve portions of the approved sewer service area within the Borough of Hopatcong. The 0.5 MGD sewage flow is part of the 1.3 MGD projected sewage needs within the existing MSA sewer service area for the Borough of Hopatcong. Upon completion of the 0.5 MGD addition, the design flow for the MSA Wastewater Treatment Plant will be increased from 3.81 MGD to 4.31 MGD.

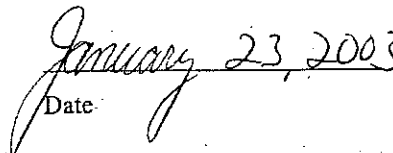
Moreover, due to the existing 0.1 MGD shortfall between the Phase II Final MSA sewage total planning flow of 5.89 MGD and the MSA WTP Phase II maximum design flow of 5.79 MGD, the MSA, in any future plan amendment/revision request, shall submit a plan proposal "Alternatives Analysis" for the expressed purpose of addressing the Phase II shortfall.

Alternatives include but are not limited to:

- Application and approval for a NJPDES maximum discharge of 5.89 MGD for the MSA WTP.
- Submission of an updated Environmental Build-Out/Constraints Analysis of the entire MSA sewer service area to identify excess sewage flow capacity and/or targeted reductions in the sewer service area/sewage flow, commensurate with the above Phase II Final total flow shortfall.


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