

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

ADOPTED AMENDMENT TO THE TRI-COUNTY WATER QUALITY
MANAGEMENT PLAN

Public Notice

Take notice that on **DEC 20 2001**, 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 Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan was adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department). This amendment, submitted by Monroe Township Municipal Utilities Authority, modifies the sewer service area of Monroe Township, and establishes Monroe Township as the designated Wastewater Management Planning Agency for the portion of the township outside of the sewer service area. The amended sewer service area will conform to the Monroe Township Land Management Chapter 175 Ordinance, dated October 1999, and the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan zoning designations for Monroe Township. Through this amendment, the total sewer service area for the township would be reduced by 586 acres, resulting in an estimated 188,100 gallons per day (gpd) reduction in the total future sewage flows generated by Monroe Township, which is now a total of 2.569 million gallons per day (mgd) in the year 2020. Through this amendment, Monroe Township will be the planning agency for the portion of the town outside of the sewer service area. The entire Monroe Township sewer service area will be serviced by the Gloucester County Utilities Authority's (GCUA) existing sewage treatment plant. No expansion of the GCUA treatment plant will be required as a result of this amendment.

This amendment has been evaluated in accordance with Executive Order 109 (2000) and the Water Quality Management Planning Rules at N.J.A.C. 7:15-5.18. The applicant has not proposed a new or expanded sewage treatment plant or change in permitted loadings at the existing GCUA Treatment Plant and, therefore, there is no need for an anti-degradation analysis. The overall sewer service area will be reduced as a result of this proposal, therefore, the nonpoint source (NPS) pollutant loading water quality analysis, the riparian corridor analysis and the consumptive water use analysis are not required. As a point of information, according to calculations of the future planning flow provided by Monroe MUA,

the expected future planning flow is higher than that accounted for in the current Tri-County WQMP. The projection for Monroe, added to the projections for the other towns in GCUA's service area, would generate a theoretical influent volume that would exceed the approved influent limit of 27.0 mgd. Therefore, the Department will work with GCUA to identify appropriate modifications to the sewer service area and the flows projected to be generated for a subsequent amendment.

This amendment proposal was noticed in the New Jersey Register on July 16, 2001 (33 N.J.R. 2545 (a)). No comments were received during the comment period on the proposal to designate Monroe as the WMP agency for the non-sewer service area and to reduce the sewer service area in Monroe Township.

This amendment represents only one part of the permit process and other issues may need to be addressed prior to final permit issuance. Additional issues which may need to be addressed may include, but are not limited to, the following: 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.



Mary T. Sheil
Director
Division of Watershed Management
Department of Environmental Protection

12-20-01
Date