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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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DIVISION OF WATER MONITORING AND STANDARDS

Adopted Amendment to the Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan

Public Notice

Take notice that on **October 20, 2020**, pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Water Quality Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 58:11-1 et seq., and the Water Quality Management Planning rules, N.J.A.C. 7:15, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) adopted an amendment (Program Interest No. 435433, Activity No. AMD190004) to the Tri-County Water Quality Management (WQM) Plan. This amendment expands the sewer service area (SSA) of the Greenwich Township Sewage Treatment Plant by 12.5 acres to serve a proposed industrial building and office on portions of Block 201, Lots 1 and 1.01, East Greenwich Township, Gloucester County. The project, identified as "Swedesboro Avenue Site – Johnson Development", consists of a 332,000 square foot light industrial building with an estimated 100 employees and 10,000 square feet of office space. As calculated in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:14A-23.3, the proposed development would generate a projected wastewater flow of 3,500 gallons per day (gpd) to be received by the Greenwich Township Sewage Treatment Plant (NJPDES No. NJ0030333.)

Preliminary notice of this amendment was published in the New Jersey Register on February 18, 2020 at 52 N.J.R. 353(a). No comments were received during the comment period. This notice represents the Department's determination that the proposed amendment is compliant with the applicable regulatory criteria at N.J.A.C. 7:15, as described below.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.3(b), site specific amendments are limited to alterations of the eligible SSA needed to address a specific project or activity. N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5(j)2 requires that site specific

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Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(d), the following are not eligible for delineation as SSAs, except as otherwise provided at N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(i), (j), (k) and (l): environmentally sensitive areas (ESAs) identified under N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(e), as any contiguous area of 25 acres or larger consisting of alone or in combination the following: endangered or threatened wildlife species habitat, Natural Heritage Priority Sites, riparian zones of Category One (C1) waters and their tributaries, or wetlands; coastal planning areas identified under N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(f); and ESAs subject to 201 Facilities Plan grant conditions under N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(g). The Department conducted an evaluation of the project site using a GIS shapefile provided by the applicant compared to the Department's GIS data layers available at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/gis/listall.html> and/or other information as noted below, to determine the presence of any such areas in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(e), (f) and (g) and made the following findings:

- The Department determined that the expanded SSA does not contain any areas mapped as endangered or threatened wildlife species habitat Rank 3, 4 or 5 on the Department's Landscape Maps of Habitat for Endangered, Threatened or Other Priority Wildlife based on the "Landscape Project Data" Version 3.3 GIS data layers in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(e)1.
- The Department determined that the expanded SSA does not contain any areas mapped as Natural Heritage Priority Sites based on the "Natural Heritage Priority Sites" GIS data layer in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(e)2.

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- The Department determined that the expanded SSA does not contain any C1 waters or 300 foot riparian zones along any C1 waters or upstream tributaries within the same HUC 14 watershed of any C1 waters based on the “Surface Water Quality Standards” GIS data layer in accordance with and N.J.A.C. 7:13-4.1(c)1 and N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(e)3.
- The Department determined that mapped wetlands are located within the expanded SSA based on the “Wetlands 2012” GIS data layer in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(e)4; however, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(j)3, the applicant provided a Freshwater Wetlands Letter of Interpretation: Line Verification, File #0803-05-0003.3 FWW180001, confirming that there are no wetlands within the expanded SSA.
- The Department determined that the expanded SSA does not contain any areas mapped as Fringe Planning Areas, Rural Planning Areas, or Environmentally Sensitive Planning Areas within the Coastal Area Facility Review Act (CAFRA) zone based on the “CAFRA (polygon)” GIS layer and the “State Plan Data” GIS layer, in accordance with 7:15-4.4(f).
- The Department determined that there are no 201 Facilities Plan grant conditions applicable to the project based on the USEPA list of New Jersey Counties with ESA Grant Conditions at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/environmentally-sensitive-area-esa-grant-condition-waiver-program-region-2> in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(g).

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5(g)6, the Department instructed the applicant to request written statements of consent from Greenwich Township, East Greenwich Township, the Gloucester County Utilities Authority, the Gloucester County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission. Greenwich Township passed Resolution No. 98-2020 on June 15, 2020 consenting to the amendment. East Greenwich Township passed Resolution No. 92-2020 on May 26, 2020 consenting to the amendment. The Gloucester County Utilities Authority passed Resolution 2020-092 on June 10, 2020 consenting to the amendment. The Gloucester County Board of Chosen

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Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission did not pass a resolution on the amendment and takes no position.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(h)1 and 2, the Department considered the land uses allowed in zoning ordinances and future land uses shown in municipal or county master plans and determined that the expanded SSA is consistent with land uses allowed by local zoning and the county and local master plans.

Sewer service is not guaranteed by adoption of this amendment since it represents only one part of the permit process and other issues may need to be addressed. Inclusion in the SSA as a result of the approval of this amendment does not eliminate the need to obtain all necessary permits, approvals or certifications required by any Federal, State, county or municipal review agency with jurisdiction over this project/activity.

10/20/2020

Date

SIGNED

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