

RESPONSE: The crossing of watersheds is an issue when water is removed from one basin (consumptively) and returned to another basin via wastewater treatment plants. This does not appear to be an issue between the Rockaway and Pequannock River Basins as water will be returned to the same basin from which it is removed, and between the Rockaway and Musconetcong River Basins in which there is no specific ground water diversion proposed.

6. COMMENT: Plate A-1 should be revised to include additional dry sewer lines on a basis of geologic features, including Liffy Island and the block outlined by Espanong Road, Bowling Green Parkway and Route 15. Based on the geology of these areas, the WMP should stipulate that sewers are necessary for development.

RESPONSE: Dry sewer lines must be included in the appropriate sewer service area in order to be consistent with the applicable WQMP. At this stage, the Jefferson Township WMP only proposes a conceptual service area to the Musconetcong Sewerage Authority (MSA) STP which does not include the above referenced areas. The service area is taken from the Environmental Constraints Analysis done for the 201 Facilities Plan for the Upper Musconetcong Drainage Basin approved in 1988. As the MSA service area in the Jefferson Township WMP is only conceptual, it would be inappropriate to revise the sewer service area at this time.

The MSA is currently proceeding with a draft WMP which will delineate the future MSA sewer service area in Jefferson Township; however, this delineation is also based on the Environmental Constraints Analysis. To change this service area, an amendment to the Sussex County WQMP is required (either via the MSA WMP or a separate amendment) as well as possible revision to the Environmental Constraints Analysis.

7. COMMENT: The WMP should include a section referencing the Department's new ground water standards, the Well Head Protection Program (WHPP), and the Aquifer Recharge Area Protection Program (ARAPP).

This section should also address the types of businesses and industry that would be suitable due to what they put into the water and any zoning changes necessary to comply with the WHPP.

RESPONSE: The new Ground Water Quality Standards (N.J.A.C. 7:9-6) were recently adopted (January 7, 1993) and supersede the information presented in Table E-1 of the WMP.

Page J-4 has been revised to reference the WHPP and the ARAPP.

Mention of the specific types of businesses and industry in an area is not required to be included and is not appropriate for inclusion in the WMP. This, instead, may be addressed in part by the WHPP and the specific State regulations which will be revised in the process of implementing this plan. In regard to zoning, a separate amendment to the WMP should be proposed to address zoning ordinance changes which will affect service areas.

8. COMMENT: The Stanlick school remains on a marginally acceptable level due to the current low population and seasonal usage. Mention should be made that if this should change, further review would be necessary to determine if the discharges remain at an acceptable rate at the new usage levels.

RESPONSE: Contrary to the above, the Stanlick School STP is currently meeting its NJPDES permit. Further review of the discharge by the Department will be necessary when the NJPDES permit for this facility (No. NJ0021105) is renewed or if the STP does not meet its permit limits.

9. COMMENT: The WMP should mention that no provision has been made to supply the residents of the Township with potable water should anything happen to Jefferson's ground water. Regarding this, the Commission is extremely concerned about the proposed Moosepac development. Development will occur at the head of the Milton aquifer. The soils in this area are sandy and more susceptible to damage than other soils.

RESPONSE: At this stage of the WQMP process, WMPs are not required to address many of the issues related to water supply. However, the wells of the municipal water supplier, Jefferson Township Water Utility, are permitted by the Bureau of Safe Drinking Water and as such are subject to continuous monitoring for contaminants under the Safe Drinking Water Act. Homeowners not connected to the municipal supplier that use domestic wells as a potable water source are responsible for testing these wells for contaminants on their own. The Bureau of Wellfield Remediation administers the existing program that addresses domestic wells that have become contaminated from industrial, commercial or hazardous pollutants.

In regard to the Moosepac development, that STP must receive a NJPDES permit for the control of discharges into the ground water. The discharge will be required to meet ground water quality standards.

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OFFICE OF LAND AND WATER PLANNING

Amendment to the Upper Delaware Water Quality Management Plan Public Notice

Take notice that on March 17, 1993, 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 Upper Delaware Water Quality Management Plan was adopted by the Department. This amendment, requested by Lopatcong Township, expands the Town of Phillipsburg Sewage Treatment Plan (STP) sewer service area in Lopatcong Township, Warren County. The SACKS Associates (Block 86, Lot 22) and Overlook at Lopatcong (Block 98, Lot 4, Block 99, Lots 3.2, 4, 4.1, 4.2 and 5) residential development sites have been included in the sewer service area. The proposal amends the Town of Phillipsburg, Borough of Alpha, Pohatcong Township, Lopatcong Township Wastewater Management Plan. Population and flow projections for Lopatcong Township have been updated.

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Amendment to the Upper Delaware Water Quality Management Plan Public Notice

Take notice that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Energy (NJDEPE) is seeking public comment on a proposed amendment to the Upper Delaware Water Quality Management (WQM) Plan. This amendment, requested by representatives of Blair Plaza, Inc., would remove Lots 1, 2, 3-01, 3-02 and 3 in Block 703 of Blairstown Township from the sewer service area of the proposed Lambert Road Sewage Treatment Plant. These lots would be designated for service by On-site Ground Water Disposal Facilities. Of the five lots, three (Lots 1, 2, and 3-01) have already been developed with on-site ground water disposal facilities. The property owned by Blair Plaza, Inc. (Lots 3 and 3.02) is the only property left to be developed. All lots are located between Route 94 and Buchanan Road (County Road 674) in the Highway Commercial Zone.

This notice is being given to inform the public that a plan amendment has been proposed for the Upper Delaware WQM Plan. All information relating to the WQM Plan and the proposed amendment is located at the NJDEPE, Office of Land and Water Planning, 401 East State Street, CN-423, Trenton, New Jersey 08625. It is available for inspection between 8:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. An appointment to inspect the documents may be arranged by calling the Office of Land and Water Planning at (609) 633-1179.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the amendment to Dr. Daniel J. Van Abs, Office of Land and Water Planning, at the NJDEPE address cited above with a copy sent to Mr. Ilmar Aasmaa, President, Morris Engineers Inc., P.O. Box 289, Ledgewood, New Jersey 07852. All comments must be submitted within 30 days of the date of this public notice. All comments submitted by interested persons in response to this notice, within the time limit, shall be considered by NJDEPE with respect to the amendment request.

Any interested person may request in writing that NJDEPE hold a nonadversarial public hearing on the amendment or extend the public comment period in this notice up to 30 additional days. These requests must state the nature of the issues to be raised at the proposed hearing or state the reasons why the proposed extension is necessary. These requests must be submitted within 30 days of the date of this public notice to Dr. Van Abs at the NJDEPE address cited above. If a public hearing is held, the public comment period in this notice shall be extended to close 15 days after the public hearing.