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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENERGY
OFFICE OF LAND AND WATER PLANNING

AMENDMENT TO THE UPPER RARITAN WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Public Notice


Take notice that on January 12, 1994, 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 Raritan Water Quality Management Plan was adopted by the Department. This amendment identifies a discharge to ground water treatment facility proposed to serve an 81,668 square foot commercial supermarket/retail building known as Petticoat Junction located at Block 13.01, Lots 1, 1.01, and 1.02 in Clinton Township, Hunterdon County. This proposal would amend the Clinton Township Wastewater Management Plan (WMP). The site is presently identified in the WMP as being part of the service area of the proposed Township of Clinton West Sewage Treatment Plant (STP). The proposed Petticoat Junction facility will be abandoned and flows conveyed to the Clinton West STP when service is available.

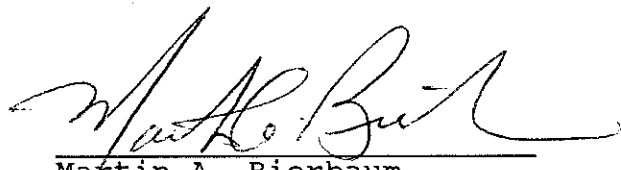
This amendment represents only one part of the permit process and other issues will be addressed prior to final permit issuance. Additional issues which were not reviewed in conjunction with this amendment but which may need to be addressed may include, but are not limited to, the following: antidegradation; 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.

This amendment proposal was noticed in the New Jersey Register on January 19, 1993. A comment on this amendment was received during the public comment period and is summarized below with the DEPE's response.

COMMENT: An attorney for the Township of Clinton opposed the proposed amendment because of Township concerns regarding the suitability of the site selected for the ground water disposal system. The Township was concerned that permeability testing was done through an unapproved methodology.

RESPONSE: The Department has noted Clinton Township's objection, however, the site specific location of a ground water disposal system and level of treatment required to minimize site impacts are issues addressed by the permitting units of the Department. The Township of Clinton will have the opportunity to comment on the NJPDES-Discharge to Ground Water permit and Treatment Works Approval, which will require legally appropriate ground water testing to determine site suitability.


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