

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

AMENDMENT TO THE UPPER RARITAN WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Public Notice

Take notice that on **MAY 01 1995**, 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 of Environmental Protection (Department). This proposal amends the Mount Olive Township Wastewater Management Plan (WMP) regarding the proposed Hidden Meadows development and wastewater treatment facility. The WMP presently identifies a future year 2013 population of 565 persons and wastewater flow of 0.037 million gallons per day (mgd). This amendment increases the projected population to 764 persons (191 single family units) and wastewater flow to 0.0573 mgd. There is no expansion to the sewer service area. Additionally, this amendment allows for the future possibility of expansion of the proposed Golden Hills Wastewater Treatment Plant to also treat wastewater from the Hidden Meadows Development. The treated effluent from Hidden Meadows would be discharged via disposal fields located at Hidden Meadows.

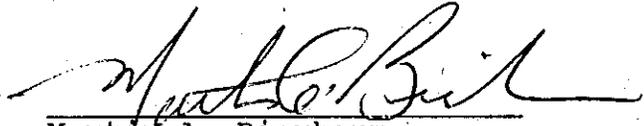
This amendment proposal was noticed in the New Jersey Register on March 6, 1995. A comment on this amendment was received during the public comment period and is summarized below with the Township's and Department's response.

COMMENT: A representative for the owners of an 18.58 acre site fronting Flanders Drakestown Road (Block 7600, Lots 3-19) in Mount Olive Township requested to be incorporated as part of this amendment and be identified as an area to be served by an on-site treatment plant and disposal system. The site is presently identified to be served by individual septic systems. According to the commenter a proposed 15 single family home subdivision development application for the property is currently pending. The commenter feels that irrespective of whether the present residential development proposal is approved, any development in full conformity with zoning standards would generate sufficient wastewater gallonage to necessitate an on-site treatment plant and disposal system.

RESPONSE: The Township is not aware of any present development plans for the property. The site did have a 15 lot subdivision approval in 1977; however, a resolution was passed in 1986 stating the approval expired. Since then no development plans have been submitted to the Township. The

site is presently identified to be served by "On-site Ground Water Discharge Facilities (Less Than 2,000 Gallons Per Day)". The Township would not consider a treatment facility to serve only 15 lots, and it is not aware of any discussions regarding possible connection into the adjacent development's treatment facility. The Township feels that the present service designation for the property is appropriate. The Department agrees that the present designation for the property is appropriate at this time and therefore has not included the project as part of the amendment.

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 plant); 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.



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