

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

REVISION TO THE UPPER RARITAN WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

TAKE NOTICE that on **SEP 22 1999**, pursuant to the provisions of the 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. 7:15-3.5, a revision to the Upper Raritan Water Quality Management Plan was adopted by the Department. This revision allows for the proposed wastewater treatment facility at the Hamilton Farm located at Block 9, Lot 1 in Bedminster Township, Somerset County. Numerous buildings served by septic systems are scattered over the property which houses the headquarters of the U.S. Equestrian Team, guest house, staff housing and maintenance facilities. The septic systems are presently covered by a General NJPDES Discharge to Ground Water Category T1 permit. The existing septic systems have experienced repeated failures and required numerous repairs. Hamilton Farm is being redeveloped with the present tennis use being replaced by a championship caliber golf course for exclusive use of only 18 corporate members. The U.S. Equestrian Team will continue operations at the site but at a reduced scale. Primary activities will consist of administrative offices and training, with only two or three equestrian events per year. No new structures are proposed on the Bedminster Township portion of Hamilton Farm, only renovation of existing structures. The wastewater treatment plant will discharge to the ground water 6,696 gallons per day. The proposed sewer service area, which is only a portion of the property, has been defined by a metes and bounds description (see attached). Several properties have been subdivided off the original property. These and other remaining buildings/residences on the site are proposed to be served by or continue to be served by individual subsurface sewage disposal systems. The existing septic systems within the proposed sewer service area will be abandoned. The Hamilton Farm site will be identified as a "Service Area for Wastewater Facilities with Planning Flows of Less Than 20,000 GPD Which Discharge to Ground Water".

Elizabethtown Water Company will provide potable water for both the domestic uses and golf course irrigation. Department approval of this revision is based on the continued use of this public water supply or an alternative supply which does not affect the safe yield of the Raritan River reservoir system.