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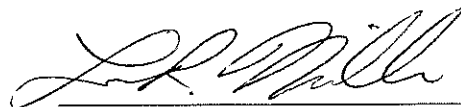
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

AMENDMENT TO THE UPPER RARITAN WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Public Notice

Take notice that on **MAR 02 2000**, 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 amendment, submitted on behalf of The Seeing Eye, Inc., allows for a wastewater treatment facility which will discharge to the ground water to serve its proposed 63,500 square foot breeding facility to be located on Block 4, Lots 36 and 37, Chester Township, Morris County. Sanitary wastewater and kennel washdown will be collected and conveyed to the on-site system. The maximum daily wastewater flow will be 7,600 gallons per day (gpd). Seeing Eye, Inc. proposes to recycle treated effluent back to the breeding facility for use as kennel washdown and toilet flushing thus estimating an actual wastewater discharge of less than 1,000 gpd. Also proposed is a single family residence and one duplex residence to be located on Block 4, Lot 39. Wastewater from these units will be served by a separate subsurface sewage disposal system with a flow of less than 2,000 gpd. The site includes parcels in Bedminster Township and Peapack-Gladstone Borough but all building construction and wastewater facilities will be limited to the Chester Township portion of the site. The Breeding Station service area will be limited to Block 4, Lots 36 and 37. The site is located on the divide between Category One tributaries of the Lamington River and Peapack Brook and the non-Category One Middle Brook. Due to the environmental sensitivity of the area the site is not being designated as a "Service Area for Wastewater Facilities with Planning Flows of Less Than 20,000 gpd Which Discharge to Ground Water" but rather as a site specific proposal for 7,600 gpd.

This amendment was evaluated in accordance with Executive Order 109 and N.J.A.C. 7:15-5.18 and no alternatives analyses are required at this planning stage. 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.



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