DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

REVISION TO THE UPPER RARITAN WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

TAKE NOTICE that on April 13, 2007, 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 (WQM) Plan was adopted by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department). This revision modifies the Borough of Chester Wastewater Management Plan to correctly identify Block 1, Lot(s) 12.04 and 12.05, within the Borough of Chester, Morris County as a discharge to ground water service area for Adams Respiratory Therapeutics, Inc. (Adams).

Adams currently occupies a 31,928 square foot (sq.ft.) commercial office building located on Block 1, Lot(s) 12.04 and 12.05. Presently, a constructed fire retention wall partitions the building into two adjoining 16,000 sq.ft. structures. Each parcel, Lot 12.04 and 12.05, contains a 16,000 sq.ft. section of the divided building. Currently located on the respective parcels is an individual subsurface disposal system (ISSDS), each with a design flow of less than 2,000 gallon per day (gpd) serving the 16,000 sq.ft section of the building on the lot. Recently proposed renovations to remove the firewall will result in the creation of a single 3.23 acre tax parcel. Other than the proposed removal of the firewall, no additional improvements or modifications to the existing facility or the ISSDS are proposed. However, due to the creation of the single lot, the Department determined that this location would require a NJPDES General Permit for a discharge to ground water (DGW) for a facility with a design flow of greater than 2,000 gpd. The total projected wastewater flow from the existing facility, calculated in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:9A-7.4 is 4,000 gpd.

As a result of this revision, more accurate parcel mapping was made available to the Department. Therefore, this revision modifies the Chester Borough WMP to accurately identify designated sewer service areas for the Chester Shopping Mall and 95 West Main Street. Consequently, this revision will update the digital sewer service area (SSA) mapping adopted on October 11, 2006.

As provided under N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5(b)1, the Department has determined that the proposed project activity qualifies as a revision in order to correct, clarify, or update erroneous, unclear or outdated statements in an areawide WQMP. As a result of this revision, the 3.23 acre location will be identified in the Upper Raritan WQMP and the Borough of Chester Wastewater Management Plan as service area for the Adams Respiratory Therapeutics, Inc. In addition, the Chester Shopping Mall and 95 West Main Street designated sewer service areas will be modified to reflect the current parcel mapping.

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