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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

### **WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

### **DIVISION OF WATER MONITORING AND STANDARDS**

### **Proposed Amendment to the Lower Raritan/Middlesex County Water Quality Management Plan**

#### **Public Notice**

**Take notice** that, on **April 19, 2021**, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) published notice seeking public comment on a proposed amendment to the Lower Raritan/Middlesex County Water Quality Management (WQM) Plan in accordance with the New Jersey Water Quality Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 58:11-1 et seq., and the Water Quality Management Planning rules, N.J.A.C. 7:15. The proposed amendment, identified as Metro 12/Carteret Logistics Center (Program Interest No. 435463, Activity No. AMD180005) would expand the sewer service area (SSA) of the Middlesex County Utilities Authority (MCUA) Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) by 25.9 acres to serve a proposed commercial development located on Block 602, Lot 1 (portion) and Block 705, Lot 18 (portion), in Carteret Borough, Middlesex County. The proposed project consists of three warehouse/office buildings: a 469,700 square foot (sq. ft.) warehouse with 10,000 sq. ft. of office space; a 322,620 sq. ft. warehouse with 12,000 sq. ft. of office space; and a 346,300 sq. ft. warehouse with 8,800 sq. ft. of office space. As calculated in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:14A-23.3, the proposed amendment portion of the project will generate a projected wastewater flow of 31,547 gallons per day (gpd), based on 30,800 sq. ft. of office space and 1,139 warehouse employees, to be received by the MCUA STP (New Jersey Pollutant

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Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) Permit No. NJ0020141). (see 53 N.J.R. 647(a), April 19, 2021 for further information on the proposed amendment)

As indicated in the April 19, 2021 notice, the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, as the designated planning agency, requires that a public hearing be held for all WQM plan amendments under its jurisdiction. Please note that the conference I.D. number provided in the April 19, 2021 notice has changed. Those wishing to participate in the public hearing are advised as follows.

The public hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. on June 9, 2021 through audio conference call. The public may call the following number and use the conference I.D. number to be connected into the meeting: (732) 515-5844; conference I.D. 597 213 495#. For additional information, please see the Middlesex County Water Resources Association web page at:

<http://www.middlesexcountynj.gov/Government/Departments/IM/Pages/Planning/Environmental%20Sustainability/Office-of-Planning---Division%20of%20Environmental%20Sustainability%20--%20Water-Resources-Association.aspx>.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed amendment to the Department at the address cited above or at the email: [wqmp.publiccomments@dep.nj.gov](mailto:wqmp.publiccomments@dep.nj.gov) and to the County at the following address:

Mr. Nicholas Tufaro  
Middlesex County Department of Planning  
75 Bayard Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor

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Comments should reference Program Interest No. 435463, Activity No. AMD180005 and must be submitted within 15 days after the public hearing.

Interested persons may request in writing that the Department hold a nonadversarial public hearing on the amendment or extend the public comment period specified in this notice. Such requests should reference Program Interest No. 435463, Activity No. AMD180005 and must demonstrate sufficient public interest for the public hearing or extension of the comment period, as defined at N.J.A.C. 7:1D-5.2(d). The request must be submitted within 30 days of the date of this notice to the Department address cited above. Should the Department decide to hold a public hearing, additional notice will be published in a future issue of the New Jersey Register and the comment period will be extended to 15 days after the Department's public hearing. All comments submitted prior to the close of the comment period shall be considered by the county and the Department before making a final decision on the proposed amendment.

Sewer service is not guaranteed should this amendment be adopted as it represents only one part of the permit process and other issues may need to be addressed. Inclusion in the SSA as a result of the approval of this amendment does not eliminate the need to obtain all necessary permits, approvals, or certifications required by any Federal, State, county or municipal review agency with jurisdiction over this project/activity.

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