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RE: Proposed Amendment to the Lower Raritan/Middlesex Water Quality Management Plan, Mercer County Water Quality Management Plan, Monmouth County Water Quality Management Plan, Northeast Water Quality Management Plan, Upper Delaware and Upper Raritan Water Quality Management Plan To Establish 52 TMDLs in the Raritan River Basin

Dear Mr. Klapinski:

The Somerset County Planning Board wishes to extend its gratitude for the opportunity to submit written comments regarding the Proposed Amendments to Water Quality management Plans, specifically the development of 52 TMDLs in the Raritan River Basin, published in the New Jersey Register on June 16, 2014. Attached please find our comments, which reflect the concerns identified at the July 15, 2014 Somerset County Planning Board meeting.

The Somerset County Planning Board has questions regarding the conversion of Long Term Averages into permit limits for NJPDES-permitted facilities. We are also seeking clarification on how the establishment of 52 TMDLs, as prescribed in this proposal, will affect the completion of Wastewater Management Plans. Finally, additional guidance is being sought as to the timeline that NJPDES-permitted facilities will have to address these new TMDL requirements.

Furthermore, we recommend that wastewater treatment facilities that are required to modify effluent limits to be consistent with the newly proposed standards receive funding priority through the New Jersey Infrastructure Trust Fund Program.

We look forward to a response to our concerns, and invite you to contact Walter Lane, PP/AICP, Director of the Somerset County Planning Division, or myself, if you would like additional information or clarification regarding any of our comments and recommendations.

Sincerely,

Bernard Navatto, Jr.
Chairman

cc: Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders
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