

DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Notice of Commission Meeting and Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Delaware River Basin Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 30, 1997. The hearing will be part of the Commission's regular business meeting which is open to the public and scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. in the Goddard Conference Room of the Commission's offices at 25 State Police Drive, West Trenton, New Jersey.

An informal conference among the Commissioners and staff will be held at 1 p.m. at the same location and will include discussions of public hearings on proposed amendments to the Ground Water Protected Area Regulations for Southeastern Pennsylvania; service metering requirements compliance; and a status report on flow needs analysis.

In addition to the subjects listed below which are scheduled for public hearing at the business meeting, the Commission will also address the following matters: Minutes of the March 26, 1997 business meeting; announcements; General Counsel's report; report on Basin hydrologic conditions; resolutions concerning New Jersey grant agreements for a Maurice River water quality modeling study and high flow management objectives for New Jersey non-coastal waters; and public dialogue.

The subjects of the hearing will be as follows:

Applications for Approval of the Following Projects Pursuant to Article 10.3, Article 11 and/or Section 3.8 of the Compact

1. *Matamoras Municipal Authority D-81-78 CP RENEWAL* 3. An application for the renewal of a ground water withdrawal project to supply up to 11.7 million gallons (mg)/30 days of water to the applicant's distribution system from Well Nos. 3, 5, 7 and 8. Commission approval on March 25, 1992 was limited to five years. The applicant requests that the total withdrawal limit from all wells be increased from 9 mg/30 days to 11.7 mg/30 days. The project is located in Matamoras Borough, Pike County, Pennsylvania.

2. *City of Bethlehem D-95-19 CP*. A project to repair the applicant's Penn Forest Dam by placing a Rolled Compacted Concrete (RCC) dam on the upstream side of the existing dam. No change in downstream conditions is proposed; the same spillway, withdrawal functions, and water elevations will be maintained and all

other design and operating functions will remain the same. The dam is located on Wild Creek in Penn Forest Township, Carbon County, Pennsylvania and will continue to provide water for the City of Bethlehem service area in Northampton and Lehigh Counties, Pennsylvania.

3. *Young Life Lake Champion D-95-35*. A project to construct a new 30,000 gallons per day (gpd) subsurface sewage treatment system to replace several existing small subsurface sewage disposal systems serving the applicant's camp facilities in the Town of Lumberland, Sullivan County, New York. The sewage disposal system will provide biological treatment via a septic tank and discharge to a subsurface disposal field in the Mill Brook watershed.

4. *City of Vineland D-95-47 CP*. An applicant for approval of a ground water withdrawal project to supply up to 5.6 mg/30 days of water to the applicant's distribution system from new Well No. 14, and to increase the existing withdrawal limit of 400 mg/30 days from all wells to 494.5 mg/30 days. The project is located in the City of Vineland, Cumberland County, New Jersey.

5. *Star Enterprise D-96-31*. A project to continue use of the applicant's existing surface water withdrawal facilities formerly owned by Texaco Refining. The applicant proposes to continue withdrawal from the Delaware River at a maximum rate of 452 million gallons per day (mgd)/(13,560 mg/30 days) to supply once-through non-contact cooling water for its refinery operations and power plant. Discharge will continue to be via an existing outfall sluiceway to the Delaware River. The project is located just north of Delaware City, New Castle County, Delaware in Water Quality Zone 5.

6. *United Water Delaware D-96-50 CP*. A proposal to construct an inflatable Neoprene dam designed to capture tidal flow in White Clay Creek, to be located approximately 1,500 feet downstream from the applicant's Stanton intake in New Castle County, Delaware. The dam, a Tidal Capture Structure (TCS), is proposed to improve reliability of the applicant's White Clay Creek public water supply source. By intermittently inflating the TCS at high tide during periods of low stream flow, the applicant plans to capture tidal water to help serve its customer demand, while providing an adequate passby flow via a specially designed sluice with multiple gates. During normal hydrologic weather conditions, the TCS is designed to remain deflated and is expected to pose no flood hazard. Fish

passage is expected to be unimpeded for two periods every 24 hours during days when the structure is in operation.

7. *The McKee Group D-96-51*. A project to modify an existing 0.1 mgd sewage treatment plant (STP) to serve development at the applicant's Village of Buckingham Springs retirement community in Buckingham Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. The STP is situated approximately 3,000 feet south of the intersection of Route 413 and Lower Mountain Road and will continue to provide advanced secondary treatment and tertiary filtration prior to discharge to an unnamed tributary of Mill Creek in Buckingham Township.

8. *Bayway Refining Company D-96-52*. A proposal for use of existing water withdrawal facilities for a withdrawal of up to 151.7 mgd (4,550 mg/30 days) from the Delaware River at the applicant's Trainer Refinery (formerly known as the Marcus Hook Refinery) recently acquiring from BP Oil Company. Bayway, a subsidiary of Tosco Refining Company, proposes to resume refining operations and operate the withdrawal facilities in substantially the same manner as the previous owner. Most of the water will be used for once-through cooling. The project intake is located approximately 1,500 feet upstream of the Marcus Hook Creek confluence in the Borough of Trainer, Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

9. *Warwick Township Water & Sewer Authority D-96-59 CP*. A project to upgrade and expand the applicant's Fish Creek STP from 0.6 mgd to 0.85 mgd. The existing secondary biological treatment process/extended aeration will be upgraded to the advanced secondary process provided by sequencing batch reactors. The disinfection method will be changed from chlorine contact to ultraviolet light and there will be post-aeration. The STP will continue to serve portions of Warwick Township in Bucks County, Pennsylvania and discharge to Fish Creek, a tributary to the Neshaminy Creek, situated just to the west of York Road and north of Almshouse Road.

Documents relating to these items may be examined at the Commission's offices. Preliminary dockets are available in single copies upon request. Please contact Thomas L. Brand at extension 217 concerning docket-related questions. Persons wishing to testify at this hearing are requested to register with the Secretary prior to the hearing.

Dated: April 15, 1997.

Susan M. Weisman,
Secretary.

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