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Pilar Patterson
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RE: Long Valley Village STP (NJ0109061) and Schooley's Mountain STP (NJ0023493)

Dear Ms. Patterson:

As you know, NJDEP recently renewed the NJPDES Discharge to Surface Water (DSW) permit for the Schooley's Mountain Sewage Treatment Plant (STP), operated by Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority (WTMUA). The permit, which became effective on September 1, 2003, requires that the Schooley's Mountain STP meet a final total phosphorus permit limit of 0.1 mg/l.

The permit also allows WTMUA to complete an instream phosphorus evaluation to determine whether the phosphorus stream criterion applies to the segment of the South Branch Raritan River to which Schooley's Mountain discharges and, therefore, whether the phosphorus effluent limitation applies. WTMUA has chosen to complete this study as provided for in its present NJPDES permit for the Schooley's Mountain STP, and will also include the Long Valley Village STP (NJPDES #NJ0109061) in anticipation of upcoming permit actions for that facility.

Please find enclosed two Quality Assurance Sampling Plans for this project. Also enclosed are two original signatory pages, which should be signed, upon approval, by you and by Marc Ferko in the Office of Quality Assurance. I will follow up with you shortly to schedule a meeting to review the spatial extent and other aspects of the Plan, to ensure it satisfies the Department's requirements. I look forward to working with you on behalf of Washington Township MUA to ensure that permit limitations result in real environmental benefits!

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

c: Thomas F. Horn, WTMUA
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