

2014 Annual Facilities Inspection Report
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Attention: Mr. Bruce D. Smith, Executive Director

Re: Annual Facilities Inspection 2014

Gentlemen:

Hatch Mott MacDonald (HMM) conducted the Annual Inspection of the operation and maintenance of the Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority's (HMUA) water and sanitary sewer utilities on November 14, 2014 as called for in Section 609 of the Bond Resolution, adopted October 3, 1967. The utilities remain in excellent overall operating condition. The HMUA was formed in 1965 and took over the operation of the Town of Hackettstown Water Supply System and a sewage treatment plant that served a small portion of the Town.

WATER SUPPLY

The Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority completed an extensive potable water supply system improvement program between 1975 and 1981. This program included water transmission, water treatment, water supply and water storage projects and was necessary to meet State and Federal standards promulgated at that time and to keep pace with the growth in the Hackettstown area. Following completion of the aforementioned water system improvements, the HMUA undertook a series of individual projects designed to further increase the water supply capacity of the system and to replace the oldest, and in some cases undersized, water mains comprising the distribution system. The production capacities of Well Nos. 5 and 6 were increased by an aggregate amount of 750 GPM (1.1 MGD). Well No. 7 (Seber) with a capacity of 1,500 GPM (2.16 MGD) was constructed under Contract 33W during 2007 which further increased the capacity of the HMUA water supply system. The HMUA has been and continues to be proactive in its maintenance of their water system as demonstrated by the HMUA undertaking nine (9) water distribution and transmission main replacement Contracts since 1993, including the installation of more than 61,000 linear feet (over 11.6 miles) of new replacement water mains. This includes the recently completed Arthur Terrace and College View water main replacement project (Contract 43W) that included the installation of 17,000 linear feet of replacement water mains. The investment in new infrastructure allows the HMUA to maintain a high quality of service to its patrons by reducing main breaks, service interruptions and O&M costs.

The water supply system is being competently operated under the direction of five (5) licensed operators. The average daily water production for the period between September 1, 2013 and August 31, 2014 was approximately 2.58 MGD and the maximum monthly rate was 3.066 MGD (February 2014). These figures compare to



2.507 MGD and 2.702 MGD (July 2013), respectively, for the period between September 1, 2012 and August 31, 2013.

Water Allocation Permit

The HMUA received a modified NJDEP Water Allocation Permit (NJDEP Program Interest ID No. 5145 and Water Allocation Permit No. WAP110002) on June 20, 2012 with an effective date of July 1, 2012. The permit is a 10-year permit with an expiration date of June 30, 2022. The modified Water Allocation Permit combined the HMUA's two (2) Water Allocation Permits into one (1) combined Permit, eliminated surface water reservoirs and the water filtration plant, added Well No. 9 (Heath), increased pumping capacity of Well No. 8 (Claremont Well No. 1R) to 800 gpm and eliminated Well No. 2.

Water Distribution System

In recent years since 2000, the HMUA completed four (4) major water transmission main projects (Contract Nos. 24W, 26W, 31W and 33W) to improve the fire flow capacity in most of the deficient areas identified in the Insurance Service Organization (ISO) investigation in 1997. During 2010, the HMUA undertook the construction of a water main replacement project (Contract No. 38W) to replace undersized water mains located on Fifth Avenue, Reese Avenue, Liberty Street and Cook Street in the Town of Hackettstown and this project was completed in summer 2011. The Claremont Water Transmission Main Project (Contract No. 40W) was completed in April 2013. The project followed the recommendations of a 2011 hydraulic model of the water system for the Diamond Hill area which evaluated the effect on the water distribution system with an increase in capacity of the Claremont Road Well No. 1R (Diamond Hill Well No. 8) from 300 gpm to 1,050 gpm.

During 2014, HMUA undertook the construction of a water main replacement project (Contract No. 43W) to replace unlined cast iron water main with cement lined ductile iron pipe within the Arthur Terrace and College View areas of the Town of Hackettstown. Contract No. 43W included the construction of 17,000 LF of water main replacement which included a change order to construct approximately 6,000 LF of water main to replace the remainder of water main in the College View area due to concerns with water main breaks. During 2014, there were several sink holes in the College View area of Hackettstown on College View Drive and Ferris Place related to water main breaks. The HMUA repaired the water main breaks, authorized HMM to investigate and evaluate extent of sinkholes and provided recommendations for remediation and then the affected areas were remediated.

In 2013, HMUA contracted with HMM to prepare a hydraulic model of the entire water system. As part of this project the model was used to simulate the hydraulics associated with the replacement of the existing one million gallon (MG) ground storage level tank. The tank has a high water elevation of approximately 830 feet which is approximately 26 feet above the prevailing hydraulic grade line (HGL) of the Main Zone of the system. The HGL of the Main Zone is currently established by a 2.4 MG tank in the southern portion of the distribution system, in Washington Township. Because of the tank's high elevation, it cannot "float" on the existing



system, and is instead filled via a small booster pumping station. Water within the tank is stored for fire protection use by the Mars Company with a dedicated 10-inch diameter water main from the tank to the Mars Company (which approximately 4,000 feet away). One of the main observations from the modeling was that a new tank located in the northern part of the system would have a significant impact on overall hydraulics, pressures, and fire protection in this area. The modeling effort also established a general prioritized ranking for potential tank sites.

Also, in September 2013, HMM modeled the hydraulics associated with the removal of an existing 12-inch transmission main located within the Harvestone easement.

During 2011, the HMUA undertook a project to install water pressure transmitters at up to seven (7) locations throughout the distribution system to continuously monitor the pressures at these locations within the water system, including any pressure spikes that may be present. HMM has completed preparation of plans and specifications for the project. The HMUA has completed the installation of transmitters at three (3) of the seven (7) locations.

In 2013, HMUA added confined space equipment (hoist mounts) at numerous water facilities.

The water main projects also included the replacement of almost all of the old non-pumper fire hydrants. With the encouragement of the HMUA, the Town of Hackettstown requested an additional test by ISO. The ISO re-inspected the Town of Hackettstown in 2007 and the ISO upgraded the classification of the Town of Hackettstown from a Class 5 to a Class 4. The Town of Hackettstown's Public Fire Protection Classification is in the top 10% among all communities in the entire country.

Water Filtration Plant

The HMUA completed construction of a surface water treatment plant located at the Seber tract in the Town of Hackettstown in 1981. This facility provided treatment of the surface waters derived both from the Mine Hill Reservoir and Burd Reservoir. The Water Filtration Plant (WFP) includes a raw water chamber, two solids contact clarifiers, two mixed media gravity filters, a chlorine contact chamber, two high lift pumps and necessary appurtenances, including a standby emergency generator. The WFP has a design capacity of 1.0 MGD.

The WFP is now permanently out of service, based on the HMUA's Water Allocation Permit. The facility has not been in service since August 8, 2008, as the HMUA has been able to meet the peak water demand period through the summers of 2009 - 2014 utilizing only groundwater supplies from the wells.

The facility clear well has been emptied and cleaned and the filters require periodic pumping to remove rain water. The facility continues to house a laboratory, the HMUA water supply SCADA system and the facility generator provides emergency power to the onsite groundwater wells. Plans are underway to relocate the SCADA system to the Administration Building.

Well Stations

As of July 1, 2012, the HMUA potable water distribution system derives all supply from groundwater sources (wells). The HMUA water system now operates under a single NJDEP Water Allocation Permit. The HMUA Water Allocation Permit (NJDEP Program Interest ID No. 5145 and Water Allocation Permit No. WAP110002) was issued for a ten-year term, effective on July 1, 2012 with an expiration date of June 30, 2022.

At the time of the inspection, Well No. 6 was out of service awaiting a replacement pump and motor. The permitted pumping capacity from the five (5) operational wells is 4,300 GPM as shown in the table below. Well No. 9 (Heath) is under construction at this time and is scheduled to be placed into operation in early 2015.

HMUA Potable Water Wells

<u>Well Designation</u>	<u>Current Production Rate</u>	<u>Permitted Pumping Rate *</u>
Well No. 4- Seber	0 GPM	300 GPM **
Well No. 5- Seber	950 GPM	1,000 GPM **
Well No. 6- Heath	0 GPM	700 GPM **
Well No. 7 - Seber	1,500 GPM	1,500 GPM **
Well No. 8- Claremont 1R	325 GPM	800 GPM
<u>Well No. 9 – Heath</u>	<u>0 GPM</u>	<u>800 GPM</u>
Totals	2,775 GPM	5,100 GPM

* Maximum Diversion Rate for all groundwater sources is 4,000 gpm.

** Maximum Diversion Rate for Wells 4, 5, 6 & 7 is 3,200 gpm.

The maximum yearly water diversion allowed in the HMUA's current Water Allocation Permit is 1,165 MG (3.19 MGD) and the maximum monthly diversion is 123.7 MG (4.12 MGD). The actual water diversion for the 12-month period ending August 31, 2014 was 940.919 MG (2.58 MGD) and the maximum monthly diversion was 87.427 MG (2.82 MGD) (January 2014), both well within permit limits. It should be noted that February 2014 had a higher monthly average (3.066 MGD), but was not the maximum monthly diversion having fewer total days.

The original HMUA wells are in good operating condition. The static water levels at the well sites remain relatively constant from year to year indicating that these sources are not being overpumped.

The HMUA received bids for Contract 35W in January 2008 to rehabilitate the well pumps for Well Nos. 5 and 6 to restore the pumping capacity of the wells to 1,000 GPM and 700 GPM, respectively. The Contractor completed the rehabilitation of the well pump for Well No. 6 and the pumping capacity has increased to approximately



670 gpm. The well pump packing drain regularly leaks to the floor at Well No. 6. The Contractor installed a new pump motor and rehabilitated well pump for Well No. 5 in March 2009. The pumping capacity of Well No. 5 was restored to 1,000 GPM. All Contract work for this project has been completed and Contract 35W was closed out in April 2009. A new VFD for Well No. 5 was installed in 2012. Some minor masonry damage was noted at Well No. 5 during the November 2014 inspection. Well No. 4 has been out of service since November 2012 and the piping has been cut to prevent leakage back into the well.

The HMUA acquired three (3) wells as part of the takeover of the Diamond Hill water system. However, the HMUA intends to only operate the Claremont Avenue Diamond Hill Well No. 8 (also known as Claremont Well No. 1R). The Elmwood Drive Well (Diamond Hill Area) has been abandoned and sealed by the HMUA. The Brookside Avenue Well (Diamond Hill Area) has been abandoned by the HMUA and will be sealed by the HMUA once it is no longer needed as a monitoring well.

The HMUA is in the process of increasing the capacity of Well No. 8 (Claremont Avenue - Diamond Hill). A new well was drilled on the existing Well No. 8 site and the existing well has been abandoned. The HMUA installed a permanent submersible well pump and VFD with a maximum pumping capacity of 800 gpm in early 2013. Well No. 8 is permitted by the NJDEP for 800 gpm and this well is capable of operating at 800 gpm. However, when this well has been operated at 800 gpm this has resulted in impacts to nearby wells. The HMUA is using water level monitoring in the nearby affected private well to determine the well capacity to avoid adverse impacts. The well is currently operating continuously at 325 gpm. The HMUA will continue to monitor water levels of nearby wells and adjust the pumping rates and operation times accordingly. Under Contract 42WS, an emergency generator was installed at Well No. 8.

Well No. 8 was temporarily taken out of service due to failed water quality tests (positive e-coli in raw water sample) in June 2012. Due to the failed water quality tests in June 2012, the HMUA and HMM prepared a Ground Water Rules/4-Log Virus Inactivation Certification Form, calculations and Plans which were submitted to the NJDEP on July 12, 2012. In 2012, a 4-log analyzer was installed at Well No. 8. The NJDEP approved and issued a Construction Permit for the 800 gpm permanent well pump on September 7, 2012. The NJDEP authorized use of the 800 gpm permanent pump on August 14, 2013 by issuance of the NJDEP Permit to Operate.

Since the failed water quality tests in June 2012, there have been two (2) additional positive coliform sample results (October 2012 and December 2012) for the Well No. 8 raw water, but both were e-coli negative. Follow-up sampling during both occasions came back negative for both total coliform and e-coli. The 4-log treatment approval for Well No. 8 does not require any sampling for either of these events.

Well No. 2 was taken out of service in early November 2010 due to a failed water quality test (detection of E-Coli). The well has remained out of service as is now no longer part of the Water Allocation Permit and the HMUA installed equipment to pump system water up to the IMG Tank. Well No. 2 has been abandoned and sealed



and was decommissioned on December 11, 2012 as required by the Water Allocation Permit.



Well No. 2
Modified Pump Arrangement



Well No. 8
Following Generator Installation

Surface Water Impoundments

The HMUA Water Filtration Plant derived its water supply from the Mine Hill Upper and Lower Reservoirs and the Burd Reservoir. The Authority has undertaken a process to sell these properties, and therefore they were not included in the inspection. The sale of the Burd Reservoir property was finalized in November 2013 and the sale of the Mine Hill Property is ongoing. Dam inspections by HMM were carried out for all three facilities as part of the sale process. In addition, all reservoir metering facilities have been completely removed.

Water Storage Tanks

The HMUA's Water System includes four (4) Water Storage Tanks as follows:

1. 2.4 MG Water Storage Tank (Washington Township)
2. 1.0 MG Water Storage Tank (Independence Township)
3. Mount Olive Water Storage Tank (Mount Olive Township)
4. Independence Water Storage Tank (Asbury Road, Independence Township)

2.4 MG Water Storage Tank

In 1979 the HMUA completed construction of a 2.4 million gallon (MG) water storage tank which maintains pressure in the distribution system and provides storage capacity for peak demand periods. The 2.4 MG Water Storage Tank is located in the southeasterly section of the HMUA service area in Washington Township off of Schooley's Mountain Road. The HMUA replaced the cathodic protection system and completed the repainting of the tank exterior during May of 1998 under Contract No. 22W.



Areas of corrosion were noted on the tank exterior during the November 2014 inspection as well as during the 2012 and 2013 facilities inspections. The HMUA is planning to re-paint the exterior of the 2.4 MG Storage Tank in FY 2016. The rectifier for the cathodic protection system, which was not replaced with the remainder of the system in 1998, should be considered for replacement.

Vegetation and small trees (noted in previous inspections) around this Water Storage Tank have been cleared and removed during 2014.

1.0 MG Water Storage Tank

The HMUA also owns and operates a 1.0 million gallon water storage tank located on the western side of its service area in Independence Township. The tank serves primarily as a storage reservoir for fire protection water for the M&M Mars factory located in the northwestern section of the Town of Hackettstown. The bottom half of the tank is reserved for M&M with a separate feed line.

The concrete tank sidewalls of the 1.0 MG tank have shown minor signs of cracking during past site inspections. An inspection of the tank in July 1994 noted a small amount of weepage at the base of the tank sidewall near the valve vault. The HMUA caulked this crack and although the caulk has held up well for 10 years, the crack appeared to have opened slightly since our 2004 facilities inspection. Slight weepage has periodically been noted during prior inspections. No significant weepage was noted during our 2005, 2006 and 2007 inspections. Some slight weepage was observed in one area during the October 2007 inspection and slight weepage was observed in numerous areas during the October 2008 and October 2009 inspections. There was no weepage observed during the October 2010 and October 2011 inspections and the exterior of the tank appeared to be dry in both cases. There were areas of weepage observed during the November 2013 and November 2014 inspections. It is suspected that thermal expansion and contraction of the tank may cause the weepage to alternately occur and then cease. The weepage should continue to be monitored on at least an annual basis.

During 2010, the HMUA removed the vegetation from around the perimeter of the tank as recommended in prior facility inspection reports. Vegetation was noted on the top of the tank during our November 2014 inspection and it is recommended that the HMUA continue to remove vegetation as required.

As noted previously, the HMUA completed hydraulic modeling as part of continued planning for a new storage tank in the vicinity of the existing 1.0 million gallon tank.

Mount Olive Twp. Water Storage Tank and Independence Twp. Water Storage Tank

Two (2) new water storage tanks were constructed in the HMUA service area in the 1998-1999 time frame to allow the water system to be extended to areas in Independence Township and Mt. Olive Township which are situated at elevations above the high water level of the 2.4 and 1.0 million gallon tanks. The capacity of each new tank is approximately 0.4 million gallons and they are both of the bolted,



fused glass coated steel type construction. The HMUA approved this type of tank construction over conventional welded steel tanks in order to minimize the need for future painting.

The Mount Olive Township Water Storage Tank appeared to be in excellent physical condition during our November 2014 site inspection. One of pump motors at the Mount Olive Water Booster Pump Station underwent repairs in November 2011, and a spare motor is present at the facility. Both pumps have been retrofitted with stainless steel impellers. An investigation by HMM found that dezincification of the original Silicon Bronze impellers had occurred. In addition, HMUA has upsized 2” discharge piping to 4” on the pumps.



Mount Olive Township
Water Storage Tank



Independence Township
Water Storage Tank

It was reported by the HMUA that there was some areas of weepage at the Independence Township Water Storage Tank during 2008. These areas of weepage on the tank were repaired by an outside contractor during the fall of 2008 and these repairs appear to be holding up well. A leak was repaired in Spring 2012. No weepage was observed during our November 2014 field inspection and the exterior of the tank appeared to be in satisfactory condition. Some repairs were carried out in Independence Booster Station in 2014 following a rupture in the meter line.

Development of Additional Water Supply

The HMUA has continued its program to develop additional sources of water to meet the projected water demands within its service area. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection firm capacity regulations require water utilities to be able to meet their peak water demands with their largest water source out of service. The completion of Well No. 7 on the Seber site provides additional firm capacity in the

HMUA system and provides additional water quantity on a monthly and annual basis. Well No. 7 has been operating satisfactorily with a peak pumping rate of 1,500 GPM since the end of May 2007.

Aside from the amount of water which the HMUA is allowed to pump from its wells, the Bureau of Water Supply requires that adequate water source capacity be available to meet the peak system demands (as defined by the NJDEP) with the largest water source out of service. Currently, the HMUA water system meets the Bureau of Water Supply's definition of adequate supply capacity with a firm capacity of 2,700 gpm (3.888 MGD) as indicated in the table below.

Source	Source Capacity	
	(MGD)	(GPM)
WFP ⁽¹⁾	0	0
Well No. 2 ⁽¹⁾	0	0
Well No. 4	0.288 ⁽²⁾	200 ⁽²⁾
Well No. 5	1.440 ⁽²⁾	1,000 ⁽²⁾
Well No. 6	1.008 ⁽²⁾	700 ⁽²⁾
Well No. 7	2.16 ⁽²⁾	1,500 ⁽²⁾
DH Well No. 8 (Claremont 1R)	1.152 ⁽³⁾	800 ⁽³⁾
Total Source Capacity	6.048 MGD (5.76 MGD w/ Max. Diversion)	4,200 GPM (4,000 GPM w/ Max. Diversion)
Less Largest Source	2.16	1,500
Firm Capacity	3.888	2,700

- (1) Removed in modified Water Allocation Permit effective July 1, 2012.
- (2) The maximum diversion rate from groundwater sources (Wells 4, 5, 6 & 7) is 3,200 GPM.
- (3) Well No. 8 is approved to pump at 800 GPM.

The issue of firm capacity relates to a water system's source water reliability, and specifically to its ability to continue to meet peak system demands without the use of its largest water supply source. With the modified Water Allocation Permit and based on flow projections, additional capacity will be required with the removal of the WFP and Well No. 2 from the calculation of the HMUA's firm capacity.

The completion of Well No. 7 on the Seber site provided additional firm capacity in the HMUA system. Although the Highlands Preservation legislation, which took effect on August 10, 2004, removed a significant portion of the undeveloped land in Mt. Olive, Washington, and Independence Townships from the HMUA water service area, the extent of undeveloped land within the remainder of the HMUA potable water service area will likely require the construction of another permanent production well. The HMUA has proceeded with plans for additional groundwater



wells including Well No. 9 which is currently under construction and scheduled to commence operation in 2015.

The HMUA has completed the process to increase the capacity of the Claremont (Diamond Hill) Well No. 8 located in Mansfield Township to 800 gpm (refer to previous comments on current operating level) and work is nearing completion on the construction of a new Heath Well No. 9 to be located in Washington Township on Schooleys Mountain Road, with a capacity of 800 gpm.

It should be noted that there are new Radon Rules under consideration that may impact several of the HMUA’s water supply wells, most likely Well No. 2 and Well No. 4 that are shallow wells. Under the new Water Allocation Permit, Well No. 2 is officially out of service. Well No. 4 is rarely used and is temporarily out of service.

The HMUA pursues an ongoing leak detection effort within its potable water distribution system. The leak detection program is a continuous long range maintenance program to ensure that unaccounted for water within the HMUA distribution system is minimized as required by the NJDEP. The HMUA purchased advanced leak detection equipment in 2003 to improve its in-house leak detection efforts. The HMUA has also continued metering the injection water at the two booster stations. Unaccounted for water was reported to be approximately 24.9% during the 12-month period ending August 31, 2013, which is above the NJDEP goal of 15%. Significant water leaks in the College View Area were noted in 2014. It should be noted that with the completion of Contract No. 43W, all of the old cast iron main in the College View area of the Town of Hackettstown has been abandoned and replaced with new ductile iron water main which should significantly reduce the amount of unaccounted for water in this portion of the water system. The HMUA is actively taking measures, including the purchase of two additional leak detectors, to reduce the amount of unaccounted water and new initiatives by HMUA staff since December 2013 have resulted in significant reductions in monthly water usage amounts. The table below summarizes the reported approximate unaccounted water percentages since 2005.

Year	Unaccounted for Water (%)
2005	19.5
2006	14.2
2007	15.1
2008	13.4
2009	10.1
2010	15.4
2011	13.1
2012	21.1
2013	19.0
2014	24.9



Water Quality

The HMUA has complied with the Federal and State regulations requiring analysis of water samples for organic and volatile chemicals, inorganic chemicals, trihalomethanes, disinfection byproducts and secondary drinking water constituents. The routine water analysis results indicate that the finished water is in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Standards for these parameters.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) is enforcing more stringent standards for lead and copper concentrations in potable water with adoption of the Lead and Copper Rule. Lead and copper in potable water typically originates as a result of corrosion occurring in plumbing systems within private homes rather than existing in the raw water the utility treats and pumps into the distribution system. The Lead and Copper Rule requires water utilities to optimize the treatment of potable water such that any corrosive tendency of the water is minimized.

The HMUA applies a polyphosphate/orthophosphate blended corrosion inhibitor at its Well No. 6 to minimize corrosion within the plumbing systems of its customers. The bi-annual sampling of patron services conducted during 2002 achieved compliance with the EPA Lead Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) of 0.015 M/L. It therefore appeared that optimal corrosion control had been achieved through the application of the polyphosphate/orthophosphate blend. However, the results of the first of the two annual sampling events from 2004 slightly exceeded the threshold for compliance with the Lead and Copper Rule. The HMUA met with the NJDEP to review the range of possible alternatives to ensure consistent compliance with the Lead and Copper Rule. The HMUA has replaced customer water meters with units which have almost no lead content, increased its effort in instructing customers on the proper water sampling techniques, and increased its frequency of corrosion inhibitor concentration monitoring within its water distribution system. The results from subsequent customer water sampling conducted in late 2004 and during the summers of 2005 through 2009, inclusive, have conformed to the Lead and Copper Rule. The results of the sampling in the summer of 2010 slightly exceeded the EPA's limits for the Lead and Copper Rule, but 2011, 2012 and 2013 samplings were in conformance. No sampling was conducted in 2014, as testing is now required every three (3) years. An extensive Public Education Program has been completed by the HMUA.

SEWERAGE SYSTEM

The HMUA Water Pollution Control Plant is being operated under the supervision of six (6) licensed operators.

The Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) constructed in 1971 had an original permitted capacity of 1.65 MGD and was designed to provide advanced secondary treatment. Development which occurred within the HMUA service area in the 1970's and early 1980's required that the HMUA undertake a plant expansion. The enactment of more stringent effluent requirements by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the New Jersey DEP also dictated that the treatment process be upgraded. The HMUA embarked upon the planning and design for the



upgrade/expansion in 1984. The necessary construction permits and low interest rate financing received from the New Jersey Wastewater Treatment Trust were received in 1991. Construction of the WPCP upgrade/expansion to a capacity of 3.30 MGD was substantially completed in September 1993 and the construction contract was finalized in September 1995 at \$10,510,210.30.

Water Pollution Control Plant

The amount of treated effluent which can be discharged to the Musconetcong River from the Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) is limited by the NJPDES Permit (NJPDES Permit No. NJ0021369) issued to the HMUA for operation of the plant. Currently, the permitted capacity of the plant is rated at 3.30 MGD. The permit was renewed in June 2008, with an effective date of August 1, 2008 and an expiration date of July 31, 2013. The NJPDES Permit includes provisions to formally increase the plant capacity rating from 3.30 MGD to 3.39 MGD due to additional flow from the Diamond Hill area of Mansfield Township. A renewal NJPDES permit was submitted to NJDEP on January 29, 2013, and receipt of a draft permit is still pending.

The current NJPDES Permit imposed some new permit requirements which include the following:

- More stringent phosphorus concentration limits and new mass loading limits.
- New Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) limits.
- Arsenic and mercury discharge limits.

As a result of NJPDES permit requirements contained in the HMUA's NJPDES Permit, the amount of flow to the treatment plant could have a significant impact on whether the existing WPCP can meet the stringent load-based limitations. The HMUA already removes most of the phosphorus present in its effluent by application of alum. HMUA has determined, based upon findings from a Chemically Enhanced Primary Treatment (CEPT) study, that use of chemicals will be adequate to meet the permit limits.

As required by the Plant's NJPDES Permit, Hatch Mott MacDonald completed an evaluation of local discharge limits and preparation of Local Limits Evaluation (LLE) Report dated February 28, 2011 that was submitted to the NJDEP.

The Water Pollution Control Plant operated at an average daily flow of 2.112 MGD between September 1, 2013 and August 31, 2014, compared to 2.138 MGD for the prior 12-month period. This equates to approximately 64.0 percent of the permitted plant capacity of 3.30 MGD. The maximum monthly flow during the period between September 1, 2013 and August 31, 2014 was 3.625 MGD (April 2014). The ratio of the maximum monthly flow to the 12-month average daily flow was 1.72 times. The plant performance results for the major effluent parameters of concern, Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD), Total Suspended Solids (TSS) and Ammonia, averaged <4.27, <5.23 and <0.10 mg/l, respectively, over the past year, well within



the NJDEP permit values of 20, 25, and 1.0 mg/l assigned to the plant in the Discharge to Surface Water Permit.

The upgraded and expanded Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) has now been in service for twenty one (21) years. The major treatment reactors and equipment were found to be in good physical and mechanical condition during the November 2014 facilities inspection. Routine maintenance and occasional hardware replacement, particularly for equipment which has been installed since the original plant construction completed in 1971, will continue to be required on an as needed basis.

The HMUA has recently completed three (3) construction projects at the WPCP as follows:

Contract No. 37S

- Site Piping Improvements
- Inlet Facilities Improvements including new Screening/Washer/Compactor unit and “bus stop” Enclosure
- New Motors and variable frequency drives (VFDs) for the two (2) main Raw Sewage Pumps
- Improvements to the existing Anaerobic Digesters

Contract No. 39S

- Installation of two (2) new Nitrification Tank aeration blowers and associated controls

Contract 42WS

- Installation of equipment to connect the two generators at the site
- Installation of a new power monitor allowing HMUA staff to operate additional equipment on the 660kW generator.

The HMUA, under a separate procurement Contract No. 36S, purchased new Digester Mixing and Heating Equipment that has been installed by the Contractor for Contract No. 37S.

The HMUA is also considering a Miscellaneous Modifications Project in which will include the following:

- Building Architectural Improvements and Interior Painting
- Replacement of non-potable water site piping
- Elimination of Ponding Issue at lower level of Advanced Treatment Building
- Removal and decommissioning of Equalization Basin

A 31.7 kW solar array was installed at the WPCP Site under a Power Purchase Agreement. The installation of the solar array was completed in September 2011, with an official ribbon-cutting ceremony on October 6, 2011.



Water Pollution Control Plant Site



Solar Panels at WPCP Site

Since approximately 2006, the HMUA has been utilizing a maintenance management program software called “E-Maint” to keep track of the numerous routine maintenance tasks required to keep the equipment throughout the treatment plant operating efficiently and to increase the longevity of the equipment. The Chief Operator indicated that the “E-Maint” software has proven to be very helpful in keeping track and scheduling of the required maintenance tasks throughout the facility.

During 2009 and 2010, the HMUA evaluated whether it may be possible to accept a higher strength of sewage from the M&M Mars facility to allow M&M Mars to reduce the level of pre-treatment required at their on-site treatment facility prior to discharge to the HMUA public sewer collection system. In 2012, this request was discussed again and HMM completed review of a report evaluating the M&M Mars wastewater flow and its impact on the HMUA’s sanitary sewer collection system and the operation of the HMUA’s WPCP. HMM provided recommendations on future steps in the process to evaluate the impact of M&M Mars wastewater flow on the HMUA’s facilities and HMM was authorized to conduct an evaluation of partially treated wastewater from the facility. A meeting with M&M Mars, HMM and the HMUA was held on December 11, 2013. HMM completed a report entitled “Evaluation and Feasibility of Acceptance for Treatment of Partially Treated M&M Mars Wastewater” dated April 2014. The report included recommendations pertaining to acceptance of partially treated wastewater from the facility. HMM reviewed 60% Design Documents for new wastewater pretreatment facilities at the M&M Mars facility in Hackettstown and provided review comments in a letter dated August 11, 2014.

Inlet Facilities & Raw Sewage Pumping

The influent flow meter is calibrated and certified every 5 years per NJDEP requirements. New Division Box No. 1 flow control cones were manufactured in 2013 to replace existing corroded units.

As mentioned in the 2008 Annual Inspection Report and as recommended in the Feasibility Report prepared by CH2M Hill, the HMUA has undertaken a project for the construction of screening and washing facilities for the removal of screenings at



the head of the plant. The new Screening, Washing and Compacting Equipment were installed in November 2010. The HMUA reported that equipment is working well and they have been making adjustments to improve efficiency of the Washing Compaction portion of the equipment. One dumpster of material is collected during a typical week. The compactor motor required replacement in 2013 and HMUA staff constructed a rain shield to protect the motor.

During the 2011 inspection, the HMUA reported that a pinhole leak has been detected on the volute for Raw Sewage Pump No. 1 and in September 2012, HMM recommended the purchase and installation of an ABBA replacement pump. Raw Sewage Pump No. 1 was replaced in December 2012.

Raw Sewage Pump No. 2 was re-built during May 2008 and the pump re-build included a new impeller, new upper and lower bearings, new snap ring and grease shield, new packing and shaft sleeve. Based on additional leaks in the area of the volute for Raw Sewage Pump No. 2 during the summer of 2008, it was determined that the leaks in the area of the volute could not be economically repaired; therefore, the HMUA purchased and installed a new suction cover, volute, bearings and housing as a complete unit.

HMUA personnel replaced the impeller and shaft sleeve for Raw Sewage Pump No. 3 in April 2011. The pump bearings and suction cover wear ring for this pump were also replaced by the HMUA in August 2011. During 2011, the HMUA investigated pump noise and bearing temperature concerns for Raw Sewage Pump No. 3; however, a report by Rapid Pump and Meter in November 2011 found the pump to be operating within limits and the pump was returned to service.

New motors and VFDs for Raw Sewage Pumps No. 1 and No. 2 have been installed under Contract No. 37S. During 2013, the HMUA completed the replacement of the existing Raw Sewage Pump Control Panel. HMUA staff also removed recirculation piping associated with future filters and repaired a damaged plug valve on the recirculation system during 2013.

The floor coating system in the Pump Room has failed and the HMUA should consider replacement.

The influent wet well is cleaned out by outside Contractors as required. It is recommended that the piping, valves and pumps in the lower level of the Raw Sewage Pump Station Building be painted in the near future.



Raw Sewage Screen



Raw Sewage Pump Motors

Primary & Secondary Treatment

Both primary clarifiers were in operation during our site inspection. The HMUA reported that both primary clarifiers are in satisfactory condition.

Since February 2012, the plant has operated with a single trickling filter operation. Both filters appeared to be in satisfactory condition. All three (3) of the trickling filter recirculation pumps were reported to be operating properly.

Intermediate Clarifier No. 1 was in service at the time of our site inspection. Clarifier No. 2 has been out of operation since February 2012. Intermediate Clarifier No. 1 was reported to have operated satisfactorily during the past year and appeared to be in sound operating condition. An 8" valve was replaced in the sludge box for Intermediate Clarifier No. 1 during 2013.



Trickling Filter



Primary Clarifier

The Intermediate Pumping Station was constructed during the WPCP Upgrade and Expansion in 1993. The facility has been off-line since February 2012. The Intermediate Pumping Station includes three (3) pumps with 25 HP motors equipped with VFDs. All three (3) intermediate pumps were reported and appeared to be in satisfactory condition at the time of our field inspection. It was noted that VFD #1 is



only capable of operating at full speed. The station is operated occasionally to test the equipment. During the November 2014 inspection, it was noted that the floor coating system has failed.

The WPCP Equalization Basin rubber liner that was installed during the original plant construction in the 1970s is in need of replacement. The Equalization Basin has not utilized for many years. The HMUA has reviewed the need for the Equalization Basin from a plant operational viewpoint. Based upon the review of the operational needs of the plant and as recommended by the WPCP Feasibility Study prepared by CH2M Hill, the HMUA has decided to decommission the Equalization Basin. The HMUA plans to include the abandonment of the Equalization Basin as a future capital project.

Advanced Treatment

During 2011 and 2012, the HMUA inspected and cleaned all diffusers in both Nitrification Tanks. The cleaning of the diffusers reduced the operating pressure for the aeration blowers. The effluent end diffusers have been removed from one tank as a trial operation.

The three (3) Nitrification Tank internal recycle pumps were reported to be in satisfactory operating condition.



Final Clarifier – Weir Brush System



Aeration Blowers

The HMUA has aerated both of the Nitrification Tanks with a single 125 hp constant speed blower for many years. The 1991 plant upgrade and expansion provided four (4) constant speed centrifugal blowers with 125 hp motors. As recommended by the Energy Audit prepared by CDM, the HMUA completed Contract No. 39S to replace two (2) of the four (4) existing 125 hp constant speed centrifugal blowers with more efficient variable speed turbo blowers and to reduce the air flow capacity of the blowers based on the actual plant operating conditions. Two (2) new 75 hp turbo blowers with VFDs and controls have been installed and operational since early 2012, and a single turbo blower typically meets plant air demands for both Nitrification Tanks. The installation of the new turbo blowers has resulted in energy costs savings to the HMUA.



Both Final Clarifiers were operating during our site inspection and appeared to be in sound operating condition. During 2013, a Weir Wolf algae removal brush system was installed in Final Clarifier #1 and appears to be working satisfactorily. In 2013, HMUA installed new 8" WAS valves and replaced the WAS meter.

Post Aeration & Disinfection

Post aeration of Final Clarifier effluent is provided by a step cascade which is a concrete structure with no mechanical or electrical components. The unit is in sound condition. Effluent disinfection is provided in a two-channel UV disinfection system. The HMUA replaced the UV equipment and installed weather protection housing around the UV channels in 2002. The system continues to operate well, and the HMUA staff completed a bulb-change operation in 2012. Additional post aeration equipment is also installed in the UV tank, but is rarely, if ever needed at current flows due to the effectiveness of the step cascade.

The HMUA installed bar screens just before the UV lamps to help prevent leaves and algae from affecting the performance of the UV disinfection system. The sluice gates located just prior to the UV lamps were replaced during 2012 with stainless steel versions.

Auxiliary Systems

During January 2007, the HMUA switched from the use of aluminum chloride to aluminum sulfate for phosphorus reduction. The HMUA reported to be very satisfied with the performance and use of the aluminum sulfate. The HMUA has two (2) Alum Storage Tanks and the Storage Tanks were reported and appeared to be in satisfactory condition. During our site inspection, both Alum Storage Tanks were in service. The seal water pumping systems at both the Administration and Advanced Treatment Buildings and the service water pumping equipment in the Administration Building are in satisfactory operating condition. HMUA staff installed a stainless steel seal water filter in 2014. HMUA staff installed new chemical feed pump and piping in 2011.

The WPCP has two (2) emergency generators. The original 300 Kw emergency generator was installed with the original plant construction in the 1970's. The other generator is a 660 Kw generator that was installed as part of the 1991 WPCP upgrade and expansion project. The emergency generators and automatic transfer switches (ATS) were reported to be in good working order at the time of our inspection. The emergency generators are exercised under load once per month. Maintenance and inspection of the emergency generator is performed quarterly by an outside contractor. With the completion of Contract 42WS, HMUA staff can use a new power monitor to operate additional equipment on the 660kW generator. As the Primary Electrical Equipment for the facility was last tested in 2008, it is recommended that testing be scheduled.

During 2011, Hatch Mott MacDonald reviewed, investigated and evaluated the existing electrical distribution system at the WPCP to determine the feasibility of



providing emergency back-up power to the Digester Building. The evaluation included preparation of Equipment List and Load Calculations for the existing 300 Kw generator. Based on the theoretical load analysis of the generator, the existing Digester Building feeder was connected to the existing 300 Kw generator to provide emergency power to the Digester Building.

The original boiler for the WPCP Administration Building, also constructed in the 1970's, was replaced approximately ten (10) years ago and is reported to be in satisfactory operating condition.

Solids Handling Systems

Sludge collected in the primary and intermediate clarifiers is removed from the treatment process to the Anaerobic Digester system which was part of the original 1971 plant construction.

The HMUA undertook a Digester Repair Contract that included the construction of a new roof on the Digester Building, new waste gas burner, new gas piping and appurtenances. The Contract work for this project was completed during 2007.

As recommended by the WPCP Feasibility Study prepared by CH2M Hill and the Energy Audit prepared by CDM, the HMUA completed construction of Contract No. 37S to improve the gas production and performance of the anaerobic digestion system. The project included the installation of new sludge mixers. Air testing of the upgraded digesters occurred in late October 2011. HMUA staff added anti-slip pads to the digester covers to better facilitate flare maintenance. In 2014, the digester boiler was replaced and the existing oil tank was replaced with a propane tank.

HMUA staff noted clarifier issues when the supernatant is recycled, so the flow is typically directed to the pre-thickened sludge wet well.

Sludge collected in the final clarifiers is wasted from the treatment system to a pre-thickened sludge holding tank at the Advanced Treatment system. The waste sludge is thickened prior to being trucked off-site (PVSC) for ultimate disposal using gravity belt thickeners located in the Advanced Treatment Building. The two (2) gravity belt thickeners are now twenty (20) years old, but continue to operate very well, requiring only occasional miscellaneous repairs. In 2013, a new wash water pump was installed. A number of the rollers beneath the traveling belts are showing signs of wear and the HMUA has been periodically replacing these rollers as required. The gravity belt thickeners are typically operated three (3) days per week. The positive displacement pumps used in conjunction with the gravity belts are reported to have operated satisfactorily over the past year. HMUA has requested quotes to replace the polymer units as spare parts are not readily available for the existing units.



Gravity Belt Thickener



Anaerobic Digester

Plant Laboratory

The existing HMUA WPCP contains the HMUA water quality analysis laboratory, located within the plant Administration Building. The laboratory has been certified by the NJDEP to conduct chemical analyses. The laboratory is used to monitor select parameters used for routine process control of the treatment process and those for which the NJDEP requires monthly reporting from both the sewer utility and the water utility. Certain testing which is required on a monthly or less frequent basis does not justify the costs associated with purchasing additional laboratory equipment and maintaining a full-time lab technician on staff. These analyses continue to be performed by a private laboratory certified by the NJDEP.

Buildings

The buildings at the WPCP remain in good, well-maintained condition. A roofing repair project was undertaken in 2006. As the 2006 project didn't include the roofs for the Intermediate Pumping Station or the Advanced Treatment Building, the HMUA should plan for replacement. A new heating unit was installed in the Advanced Treatment Building during 2008. Building lighting improvements recommended by the Energy Audit were completed in August 2011.

The HMUA received BPU approval on December 17, 2010 for an Energy Reduction Plan for the WPCP. The ERP provides for up to \$361,836 in rebates, including Lighting Retrofits that were completed in 2011. The ERP also includes many of the improvements constructed under Contract No. 37S such as piping upgrades and VFD's for the Raw Sewage Pumps as well as the Blower upgrades constructed under Contract No. 39S. To date, the HMUA has received \$250,546 in rebates from the ERP. The final report certified a 33.4% reduction in electricity costs, providing an annual savings of approximately \$70,000.

Site

The HMUA installed new landscaping throughout most of the plant site during 2009.



Sewage Collection System

The HMUA continues to conduct internal television inspections of its sanitary sewer collection system during the past year in an effort to define areas where infiltration (groundwater leakage) may be entering the sewer system. Hatch Mott MacDonald completed a Phase I I/I investigation in the Spring of 2003 which identified which sections of the HMUA collection system warranted further investigation to locate and repair specific leaks. The majority of the system was found to be in sound shape. However, there were a number of areas where the collection system requires further investigation and repair of leakage sources located in the Phase I study.

The HMUA purchased new TV Inspection equipment during 2008. TV Inspection equipment owned by the HMUA includes a sewer lateral camera to allow for the inspection of sewer service laterals within the collection system. The HMUA also owns a Jet/Vacuum Truck that is utilized to periodically clean the sanitary sewers within the HMUA's sanitary sewer collection system. The HMUA has established a Sewer System Cleaning Program as well as a TV Inspection Program. The HMUA performs TV Inspections of the sanitary sewers periodically as time permits. The wet wells of the pump stations within the collection system are typically cleaned by the HMUA every two (2) months.

The HMUA owns and operates two (2) sewage pumping stations and operates one (1) sewage pumping station that is privately owned. The Hills of Independence sewage pumping station is privately owned and operated. The HMUA has one (1) spare pump available for each pumping station.

The HMUA has taken efforts to identify sump pump discharges to the collection system. When identified, homeowners are contacted and follow-up inspections are conducted to confirm that sump pumps were disconnected.

Oak Hill Sewage Pumping Station

The HMUA owns and operates a small sewage pumping station serving a section of the Oak Hill at Mt. Olive subdivision along Stephens State Park Road. The facility appeared to be in excellent physical condition and well maintained during our inspection. The Oak Hill sewage pumping station includes two (2) submersible pumps, valve chamber, alarm dialer and emergency generator. At the time of our inspection, there were no "Seal Failure" alarms as noted during previous inspections. HMUA identified several household sump pumps which were connected in the Oak Hill area, which were resulting in high wet weather flows. As noted above, HMUA contacted the homeowners and conducted follow-up inspections to confirm the sump pumps were disconnected.

House of Good Shepard Sewage Pumping Station

The House of Good Shepard sewage pumping station located in Hackettstown is privately owned, but is operated by the HMUA. This pumping station was constructed in approximately 1998. The pumping station was reported to be operating satisfactorily.



Diamond Hill (Meadow Lane) Sewage Pumping Station

The Diamond Hill (Meadow Lane) sewage pumping station located in the Township of Mansfield is owned and operated by the HMUA. This pumping station was constructed in 2004. The pumping station includes two (2) submersible pumps and emergency natural gas generator. The Diamond Hill sewage pumping station appeared to be in excellent physical condition and well maintained. Pump cavitation issues have been experienced and pipe flanges and pump bases were replaced in 2012 and one pump impeller was replaced in 2013.

Wastewater Service Area and Wastewater System Planning

During 2013, requests received by the HMUA for centralized sanitary sewer and potable water service from undeveloped or underdeveloped properties situated within its service area have remained slow. Regulations governing development within New Jersey are changing and increasingly being influenced at the State level. The aim of the new regulations is to force new development and redevelopment within existing developed areas in order to preserve open space in the surrounding rural areas. The HMUA's Future Sewer Service Area and water service areas were significantly reduced through implementation of the Highlands Preservation Act. The Highlands Regional Plan was approved by the Highlands Council on July 17, 2008 and has been approved by the Governor. Recent amendments in the State's Water Quality Management Plan rules including the designation of the Musconetcong River as a "C-1" waterway has further limited the extent of the HMUA's sewer service area.

The HMUA completed a project to update the November 2003 HMUA Wastewater and Water Flow Projections and the updated flow projections are included in a report entitled "Water and Wastewater Flow Projections dated September 2008". As detailed in the September 2008 Water and Wastewater Flow Projections Report, it is projected that the WPCP peak monthly flows will exceed the current permitted plant capacity rating of 3.30 MGD in 2017. However, the actual plant flows during the last 12-month period decreased by approximately 1.2% from the previous 12-month period (average daily flow of 2.112 MGD from September 1, 2013 to August 31, 2014 compared to 2.138 MGD from September 1, 2012 to August 31, 2013) due to efforts by the HMUA to reduce inflow and infiltration (I/I) flows and slowed development within the HMUA Sewer Service Area due to new regulations limiting development as well as the economy; therefore, at this time it is felt that the projected peak monthly flows estimated in the 2008 Flow Projections Report will not be reached in 2017. In 2012, HMUA staff made adjustments to the values in the Flow Projections Report (as suggested in previous Annual reports) to reflect properties removed from the sewer service area and connections which have occurred since 2008 and excess capacity was shown for the WPCP. At this time, it is recommended that the HMUA monitor and evaluate the existing and projected flows to see the affect that the reduction in the HMUA Sewer Service Area caused by the Highlands Regulations and new Wastewater Management Plan regulations have on the actual and projected flows.



The HMUA and the Town of Hackettstown were preparing updates to the Hackettstown Wastewater Management Plan (WMP) to comply with the recent NJDEP Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) requirements that became effective in July 2008. The HMUA and Town of Hackettstown sent initial draft NJDEP Sewer Service Area (SSA) maps to the NJDEP on October 1, 2009. Following the initial submission to the NJDEP, numerous revised SSA Maps, documentation and emails have been prepared and sent to the NJDEP based on comments received from the NJDEP on the SSA Maps. Agreement was reached with NJDEP on two (2) lots that the NJDEP was excluding from the Sewer Service Area (due to lots being designated as Rank 4 Habitat in the State's database) that the Town of Hackettstown and the HMUA wanted to include in the HMUA's Sewer Service Area. The Sewer Service Area, including these two lots, was the subject of an April 6, 2011 Public Hearing by NJDEP. In June 2011, information from the 2008 Flow Projections Report was provided to the Highlands Council, as the Council has taken over the responsibility of completing the Hackettstown WMP. In June 2012, April 2013 & December 2013 formal comments were provided to the Highlands Council, as the HMUA was not in agreement with the future flow estimates developed by the Highlands Council. In November 2014, the Town of Hackettstown met with the Highlands Council and was assured that the WMP will be completed and submitted to NJDEP.

In 2011 and 2012, HMM reviewed and prepared comments on the Washington Township WMP Chapter prepared by the Highlands Council, which included future flow estimates for the five (5) contributing municipalities. The HMUA elected to submit no comments on the final document and the Washington Township WMP was adopted by NJDEP in July 2012.

In 2012, HMM reviewed WMP mapping for Mount Olive Township prepared by the Morris County Department of Planning. Comments were submitted on July 12, 2012 stating that only existing served/approved properties should be shown in the Future Sewer Service Area.

Following the completion and approval of the Hackettstown WMP by the NJDEP, the HMUA may want to consider the review and update of the flow projections from the 2008 Flow Projections Report, as well as updates to the HMUA's GIS layers. The final Sewer Service Area approved by the NJDEP as part of the Hackettstown WMP may result in a reduction of the projected flows that may further delay or eliminate the need to expand the capacity of the WPCP to meet the projected peak monthly flows as discussed above.

HMUA HEADQUARTERS COMPLEX & OVERALL FACILITIES

Facility Site Improvements Project

During 2009, the HMUA completed a project at the HMUA Headquarters Complex at 424 Hurley Drive which includes the Administration Building, Storage Building, Operations Building and Material Storage yard. The project included site improvements at the existing maintenance and operations yard to provide for the consolidation of the HMUA material and equipment storage areas. The project also



included improvements to the existing Storage Building. In 2010, lighting improvements recommended by the Energy Audit were completed in the Administration and Operations Building.

Energy Audit of HMUA Facilities

During 2009, the HMUA completed an Energy Audit of the HMUA's facilities that included the Water Pollution Control Plant, Water Filtration Plant, Administration Building, Operations Building, Storage Building and Well and Booster Stations. The Energy Audit prepared by CDM included recommendations with potential areas to reduce energy usage and to reduce energy costs. The HMUA has undertaken several projects to implement some of the energy saving recommendations made in the Energy Audit report as discussed above.

Solar Energy Project

As noted above, a Solar Energy project that includes installation of solar panels and associated equipment at the Water Pollution Control Plant site was brought online in September 2011. The project was completed by a private Solar Energy company under a Power Purchase Agreement. The revised agreement provides the HMUA with free electric power for 15 years.

WPCP Feasibility Study

During 2009, the HMUA completed a Feasibility Study prepared by CH2M Hill for improvements to the WPCP. The HMUA has already undertook several projects to improve the performance and operation of the WPCP as discussed above based on recommendations in the Feasibility Study.

SUMMARY

The HMUA potable water and sanitary sewer utility infrastructure is in sound condition and updated to comply with current environmental requirements. Potable water production capacity is being increased to meet growth occurring in the service area and this has allowed for the sale of the HMUA's surface water supply properties and the abandonment of the Water Filtration Plant. The HMUA has continued activities necessary for the replacement of its surface water reservoirs with groundwater and is constructing Heath Well No. 9 to be located in Washington Township and increased the capacity of Diamond Hill (Claremont) Well No. 8. The HMUA should also commence planning for construction of a new water storage tank on the northerly side of its distribution system.

The WPCP upgrade/expansion was completed in 1993 and the plant is operating at approximately 64.0 percent of its permitted capacity and complying with its NJDEP effluent limits. Capital expenditures for the next five years should include the miscellaneous replacement of mechanical and electrical equipment on an as needed basis which reaches the end of its useful life. As mentioned previously, the HMUA has completed the following projects at the WPCP that include the following:



- Sludge Digester Mixer Project to improve gas production and performance of Anaerobic Digestion System (Contract No. 37S)
- New screening/washing equipment at headworks of plant (Contract No. 37S)
- Raw Sewage Pump (RSP) motors and VFDs for RSP No. 1 and No. 2 (Contract No. 37S)
- Site piping modifications (Contract No. 37S)
- Blower Replacement (Contract No. 39S)
- Generator Interconnection (Contract No. 42WS)

The HMUA plans to proceed with the following projects at the WPCP in the near future:

- Electric Co-generation was evaluated upon completion of the Digester Mixers and Anaerobic Digester startup and it appears as though the amount of gas production does not warrant a cost effective electrical co-generation project. However, the evaluation will continue and may include review of acceptance of FOG from restaurants or M&M as way to enhance methane gas production.
- Abandonment of Equalization Basin
- Non-potable water (NPW) pipe replacement

As discussed above, at this time it is recommended that the HMUA monitor and evaluate the existing and projected flows at the Water Pollution Control Plant regarding whether it will be necessary to increase the capacity of the WPCP at some point to meet the future wastewater treatment capacity requirements.

The HMUA water and sewer facilities are well maintained and capably operated. In order to continue this level of performance and keep pace with technological advances in the water supply and wastewater treatment field, HMUA personnel are encouraged to continue attending training seminars.

It is a pleasure to be associated with such a thorough and dedicated organization.

Very truly yours,

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