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Ms. Terry Pilawski, Chief  
Bureau of Watershed Regulation  
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Re: Proposed Amendment to the Upper Raritan Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP)  
Mine Hill Township Wastewater Management Plan (WMP)  
Canfield Builders Associates  
Mine Hill Township, Morris County

Dear Ms. Pilawski:

On behalf of the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Highlands Council), in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:38-1.1(k), please accept the following recommendation on the above-referenced proposed amendment to the Upper Raritan Water Quality Management Plan (Proposed Amendment) through the Mine Hill Township Wastewater Management Plan.

Based on a review of the conceptual site plan as applied to the 46.7-acre project site and its relationship to the remainder of the original 228 acre parcel under the settlement agreement for this project, the Highlands Council approved a resolution on January 17, 2008 to recommend that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) approve the proposed WQMP amendment, contingent upon changes to address the inconsistencies with the Final Draft Regional Master Plan (Final Draft RMP) as discussed more fully below. Please be advised that this recommendation is not for immediate adoption, as some of the issues will require significant effort. Some, but not all, of these inconsistencies with the RMP may be addressed through relatively minor modifications of the site development plan, and recommendations are provided regarding these options. Also, the Council is providing recommendations that could mitigate the project's impact for other inconsistencies with the RMP and it is recommended that NJDEP require resolution of these matters prior to approval of the amendment.