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Mr. Lawrence J. Baier, Director
Division of Watershed Management
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Re: Proposed Amendment to the Upper Raritan Water Quality Management Plan
Union Township Wastewater Management Plan
Pilot Travel Center
Union Township, Hunterdon County
NJDEP Activity # AMD070002

Dear Mr. Baier:

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 enclosed Consistency Determination (CD) on the above-referenced proposed amendment. The CD for the Proposed Amendment is based upon our review of the project file as provided to us by the applicant, Highlands Council information and public comment, relative to the standards and policies set forth in the adopted Regional Master Plan (RMP). The Highlands Council approved a resolution on September 18, 2008 authorizing the Executive Director to provide this CD to NJDEP on behalf of the Highlands Council.

Please find also enclosed a document that summarizes the public comments received on the Highlands Council's draft CD. The Highlands Council finds that the proposed project is inconsistent with Policies 1B7 (forests), 1F2 (critical habitat), and 6H1 (redevelopment/sensitive lands) and Objectives 1K4c (carbonate rock) and 2B8b (the requirement for 125% mitigation of the increase in depletive water use of 4,500 gallons per day). These policies and the inconsistencies are described in more detail in the CD.

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If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at (908) 879-6737.

Sincerely,

Eileen Swan
Executive Director

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