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Re: Regional Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan
West Penn Township
Walker Township
Schuylkill County

Dear Ladies & Gentlemen:

Please be advised that the Department has received the Regional Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan for West Penn Township and Walker Township in Schuylkill County which was prepared by Ludgate Engineering Corporation.

The Department has completed the Administrative Completeness review and has the following comments consistent with the Administrative Completeness Checklist included with the Plan:

1) Plan Summary Section C. Section II-D does not indicate user fees which would include the connection fee per EDU and the annual user fee per EDU. These fees should be included for each proposed service area.

2) Municipal Adoption. The Adoption of Resolution for both Townships must contain the raised seal of the municipality.

3) Implementation Schedule. The Implementation Schedule should be revised to reflect accurate dates from "item 8" to completion. This would reflect the date a complete Plan is submitted to DEP. Include dates to obtain all easements and rights-of-way and dates for initiation of feasibility evaluations for areas outside of the five year planning period.

4) Comments & Responses. Provide written Municipal responses to all written comments contained in the Plan.

5) Consistency Documentation. No Information was included in Appendix 3-6. Follow instructions on the Administrative Completeness Checklist included with the Plan.

The Department is returning the Regional Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan to West Penn Township as Administratively Incomplete. Please address the above items and return the Plan to the Department to initiate a formal Department review.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Rob Stermer
Sewage Planning Specialist
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Cc: Ludgate Engineering