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December 22, 2009

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Hon. David Scapicchio, Mayor  
Township of Mount Olive  
204 Flanders-Drakestown Road  
P.O. Box 450  
Mount Olive, NJ 07828

**RE: Status of the Wastewater Management Plan for Morris County  
No Petition for Conformance in Highlands Planning Area**

Dear Mayor Scapicchio:

The County of Morris will submit an Interim Draft Wastewater Management Plan (WMP) to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) by December 31, 2009. This date was established as the deadline date for the County's WMP submission after the NJDEP granted two previous extensions.

The Interim Draft WMP will contain a chapter for Mt. Olive, which we will be providing to you and members of your WMP Committee in January 2010. The chapter and accompanying maps will also be made available on the Department website at [www.morrisplanning.org](http://www.morrisplanning.org) in January. We will inform you via e-mail with a link to the specific webpage when the information is posted.

Please note that the Interim Draft WMP is still subject to change and there is no timeline for the NJDEP to approve the WMP. A number of significant issues remain outstanding and therefore, we do not anticipate any action by the NJDEP before the end of 2010. If your municipality decides to petition for Highlands Plan Conformance in the Planning Area on or before June 8, 2010, we will inform the NJDEP of the petition.

We greatly appreciate the time and effort that the members of your WMP Committee and staff have provided in assisting the County in developing the WMP. The NJDEP has commended us on our efforts to date. We look forward to working with the Township of Mount Olive and the NJDEP during 2010 to resolve the outstanding issues and complete the final draft.

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If your WMP Committee has not done so already, please send us copies of draft ordinances for steep slopes, riparian buffers, fertilizer application (Passaic Basin), and mandatory sewer hook-up in the sewer service area, and a draft septic management plan, if applicable. We have model ordinances, which we can provide to you upon request. Your municipality is not required to draft these ordinances if these features do not exist in your community. The septic management plan is generally not required for urbanized municipalities and those municipalities that do not have a General Service Area (areas served by on-site septic systems).

If you have any questions or would like information concerning the Interim Draft WMP for Morris County, please contact Virginia Michelin or me at 973-829-8120.

Sincerely,



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Planning Director

cc: WMP Committee  
Municipal Administrator