



WASTEWATER DIVISION

DEP Commissioner Martin Visits MCUA

Announces Over \$100 Million in EIT Funding for MCUA Projects

The Middlesex County Utilities Authority last month welcomed Commissioner Bob Martin of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) to the Sayreville Pump Station.

Martin held a press conference on legislation recently passed by the New Jersey Legislature and signed by Governor Christie authorizing up to \$1.94 billion in financing through the Environmental Infrastructure Trust (EIT) for projects across the state to improve drinking water and wastewater infrastructure.

The financing is aimed at projects, including at the MCUA, that make infrastructure more resilient against severe storms. Hurricane Sandy caused an estimated \$2.6 billion in damages to drinking water and wastewater infrastructure statewide.

Commissioner Martin recounted his visit to the MCUA in the days after Hurricane Sandy and being struck both by the damage of the storm and the hard work of the MCUA staff who were responding at the time. MCUA Commissioner Ray Murray, who attended the

press conference, shared Commissioner Martin's appreciation for the MCUA staff's continued professionalism. David Zimmer, executive director of the EIT, served as master of ceremonies.

Calling the financing "very forward thinking," Commissioner Martin emphasized the importance of "making sure we never see the widespread service disruptions and environmental impacts that occurred as a result of Sandy."

The MCUA has applied for nearly

\$157 million in EIT financing for improvement projects at its Sayreville and Edison pump stations.

"This work is fundamentally about restoration and mitigation," said Richard Fitamant, MCUA Executive Director. "We look forward to replacing the equipment at our two pump stations that were compromised by Superstorm Sandy, and building flood walls around them to avoid the kind of shutdowns that these major storm events can cause."





Executive Director Richard Fitamant speaks about the MCUA's work to improve and strengthen its pumping station infrastructure.



DEP Commissioner Bob Martin speaks with the media about the State's work related to Sandy recovery.

Wastewater Division

August 2015 Statistics

- Average Influent flow – 82.39 mgd
- Average Effluent TSS – 22 mg/l
- Average Effluent BOD – 13 mg/l
- Biosolids production – 10,593 wet tons, an 17.6% decrease over the five-year average. The entire amount was processed through the dryers.

**Rainfall for the month was 1.09 inches as measured at the plant.*



November 2012: the Sayreville Pump Station sustained serious damage from Hurricane Sandy.

Solid Waste Division

August 2015 Tonnage Figures

	Monthly Tons	Cumulative Tons
2015	46,736	371,096
2014	45,138	354,172

An average of 249 trucks hauled a total of 1,798 tons of waste to the landfill facility each day.