



WASTEWATER DIVISION



Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership Joins Tour of Wastewater Operations

On Monday, May 9th, members of the Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership (LRWP) participated in a tour of the MCUA's Wastewater plant operations led by Executive Director Richard Fitamant and Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor Victor Santamarina.

The tour provided participants

with a comprehensive overview of the MCUA's wastewater treatment processes. This included a discussion of the role of the five pumping stations and more than 100 miles of sewer lines, a tour of the laboratory, and an in-person examination of the settling tanks and aeration tanks.

Members of LRWP were able to gain a better understanding of the wastewater treatment processes, which is of utmost importance given LRWP's mission of conserving, enhancing, and restoring the natural resources of the Lower Raritan Watershed.

"We were pleased to have members
(continued p.2)



Wastewater Division

April 2016 Statistics

- Average Influent flow – 89.10 mgd
- Average Effluent TSS – 19 mg/l
- Average Effluent BOD – 13 mg/l
- Biosolids production – 15,870 wet tons, a 5% increase over the five-year average. Approximately 13,225 tons were processed through the dryers, and 2,645 tons were lime stabilized and disposed out of state. The dryers were shut down from April 22 through April 28 for the scheduled spring major maintenance outage.

*Rainfall for the month was 1.25 inches as measured at the plant.

Richard Fitamant and Victor Santamarina give members of the Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership a tour of the MCUA's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

of the Partnership spend the day with us, and see firsthand how we enhance the quality of water in the Raritan,” said Executive Director Richard Fitamant. “Our work is symbiotic, in that we strive every day to preserve the area’s natural ecosystem and the LRWP encourages more Middlesex County residents to get out there and enjoy it. Together we are making Middlesex County a cleaner, healthier place.”

Running directly through Middlesex County to the Atlantic Ocean, the Raritan River and Bay is the center of activity for a variety of water sports and outdoor activities.



SOLID WASTE DIVISION

MCUA Ranks High for Online Transparency

As part of its *Analysis of the Online Transparency of New Jersey's Local Authorities and Commissions*, the New Jersey Foundation for Open Government gave the Middlesex County Utilities Authority one of its highest scores for providing relevant and timely information online.

Specific information on the website that contributed to the high score included the MCUA's mission statement; its most recent budgets, financial information, and audits; its rules and regulations; approved minutes and resolutions; the contact information for relevant supervisors; and a list of major vendors.

Of course, posting accurate information to the website is more than just prudent governance – it is a requirement of the law. Known as the

“online transparency law,” N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-17.1 went into effect in February 2013



NEW JERSEY FOUNDATION
FOR OPEN GOVERNMENT

and applies to more than 550 local authorities. The law requires that these authorities not only maintain a public website, but also populate their websites with a number of items relating to current finances, decision-making, and operations.

The MCUA regularly updates its website, www.MCUA.com, with the required information, particularly before and after Board of Commissioner meetings, for which many of the items are generated. The MCUA also goes a step further by posting the Monthly Highlights and several informational brochures and videos to the website.

Solid Waste Division
April 2016
Tonnage Figures

	Monthly Tons	Cumulative Tons
2016	45,714	160,227
2015	50,337	160,559

An average of 255 trucks hauled a total of 1,758 tons of waste to the landfill facility each day.