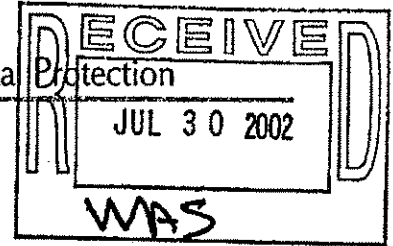




Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

208 West Third Street, Suite 101
Williamsport, PA 17701-6448
July 26, 2002



Fax 570-327-3565

Northcentral Regional Office

Mr. Anthony Ventello
Central Bradford Progress Authority
One Progress Plaza, Suite 3
Towanda, PA 18848

Re: Sewage Update
Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan Update
for the Central Bradford Progress Authority
Towanda Borough, Monroeton Borough, North
Towanda Township, Towanda Township, Monroe
Township and Wysox Township, Bradford County

Dear Mr. Ventello:

We have completed review of the above plan dated, October 2000 and additional information received on March 1, 2001; April 12, 2001; September 28, 2001; March 27, 2002; June 27, 2002; July 12, 2002; and July 22, 2002. This plan was prepared by Stiffler, McGraw and Associates, Inc. and formally adopted by resolutions on January 2, 2001 (Wysox Township); January 16, 2001 (North Towanda Township); February 1, 2001 (Towanda Township); February 5, 2001 (Towanda Borough and Monroe Township); and September 10, 2001 (Monroeton Borough). This plan is hereby approved by the Department as an update revision to the Act 537 Official Sewage Facilities Plans of Towanda Borough, Monroeton Borough, Monroe Township, North Towanda Township, Towanda Township and Wysox Township. The federal planning elements currently required of PENNVEST applicants were not completed, nor approved. As provided by the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act and Chapter 71 "Administration of Sewage Facilities Program", this Department will hold all three authorities and all six municipalities responsible for the complete and timely implementation of this plan.

The plan proposes expanding the existing Towanda Sewage Treatment Plant from 1.16 MGD to 1.74 MGD. Additionally, sewer extensions are proposed from Wysox to the Jackson Mobile Home Park, an interconnection along Fifth Avenue in Wysox Township, the Route 220 corridor to and including Monroeton Borough and from SPE, Inc. to the Crystal Springs Motel. This project is estimated to cost \$5,126,500. Project funding is proposed to use an Act 313 grant along with funding from the Rural Utility Service.

The implementation schedule is to reflect a 17 month delay. Therefore we expect the construction of the new facilities to be completed by November 2004.



Mr. Anthony Ventello

-2-


July 26, 2002

Based on the document presented with this proposal, a Water Quality Management Permit is required. Please contact L. Richard Adams, Chief, Permit Section, at 570-327-3666 for permit application procedures.

Encroachment permits are also going to be required. Please contact Alan Sever, Chief, Soils and Waterways Section, at 570-327-3700 for permit application procedures.

Enclosed is a form for applying for reimbursement of 50 percent of the cost incurred in preparation of this plan. Please complete the application, enclose the additional documentation, and submit it to the address on the back of the application. If you have any questions, please call Gary Metzger of my staff at 570-327-3399.

Sincerely,



Daniel L. Alters
Environmental Program Manager
Water Management

Enclosure

cc: Stiffler, McGraw and Associates, Inc.
Towanda Municipal Authority
Bradford County Planning Commission
Monroe Borough Council
Monroe Township
North Towanda Township
Towanda Borough Council
Towanda Township Supervisors
Wysox Township Supervisors
Richard Adams
Alan Sever
Gary Metzger
Curt White
Dennis Swartzlander
File

DS/rjh