

Appendix O – Public Comment



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Office of Environmental Planning & Historic Preservation
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**Re: Draft Environmental Assessment
Middlesex County Utilities Authority
Flood Mitigation and Permanent Restoration of the Sayreville Pump Station
4086-DR-NJ-PW 5061
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Dear FEMA,

We have become aware of the referenced draft report and submit the need to correct a statement in Section 5.2.1.1 entitled Existing Conditions that is inaccurate and needs to be corrected. The following statement appears on Page 5-5 of the Draft Report and needs to be corrected:

7. Hurricane Irene, August 2011. Heavy rain from this event caused a failure of the Duhernal Lake Dam and downstream flooding.

This statement is entirely incorrect. The Duhernal Lake Dam has never failed and definitely maintained its full structural integrity during and after Hurricane Irene. While flooding downstream of the Dam was reported in certain locations, any such flooding during or after Hurricane Irene was not a result of any structural or operational failure of the Dam.

Given this information, if a statement is necessary, then the following statement would be accurate:

7. Hurricane Irene, August 2011. Heavy rain and storm surge from this event caused flooding downstream of the Duhernal Lake Dam.

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