



Opportunity for Comment

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Hi Liza,

I hope all is well. I wanted to extend the opportunity for you to comment on this article.

Berkeley Heights Sewage Plant Cited for Reporting and Environmental Violations

<https://nj21st.com/2025/09/08/berkeley-heights-sewage-plant-cited-for-reporting-and-environmental-violations/>

Thanks- john

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Hi Liza,

Reaching out with our second article on the packet we recieved containing dep violations on the sewage plant and extending another opportunity for comment. Have a good rest of the day.

<https://nj21st.com/2025/09/09/second-dep-letter-cites-stormwater-violations-at-berkeley-heights-sewage-plant/>

Thanks - John

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Outlook

Sewage Plant Violations

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Good Evening,

As I continue reviewing the bid packet (which was posted on a different portal than the one I had originally accessed), I've come across some concerning documents. I've vetted and written about two so far:

Berkeley Heights Sewage Plant Cited for Reporting and Environmental Violations

Second DEP Letter Cites Stormwater Violations at Berkeley Heights Sewage Plant

Both violation packets I reviewed were sent directly to the Mayor via certified mail based on the documents I reviewed. I don't recall these ever being discussed publicly. While I do remember DEP violations being mentioned in a general sense, I have not seen any reporting or disclosure on the **nature** of the violations. From what I can tell, there are violations across **five permit areas**, and the two I've reviewed involve serious infractions with potential public health consequences. I did a (very) deep dive trying to find any public mention, and came up empty.

A few questions I'd like clarity on:

- Is this connected to the discussion we had regarding DeBlock and the reporting issue? If so, and if the problem was truly on them, why is the Township covering those costs or continuing to do business with them? In that same meeting you praised the administrator of the plant for the work he was doing - can you help reconcile these citations with that position?
- I noticed the lab errors nearly always under-reported violations, seldom (if ever) over-reporting. Has that pattern been acknowledged or addressed?
- Is there a record of a detailed discussion or written material on this issue?
- Was there any documented effort to inform families in the community?
- Was this issue ever brought to the attention of the Board of Education, given the District is likely one of the highest users of the sewer system — and given the potential public health implications for students and staff?

Thank you in advance

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