

# DERRY TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

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## 2007 RATE ADJUSTMENT NOTICE

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*The Authority's project to upgrade the Clearwater Road Wastewater Treatment Plant has been in operation for about a year now. It is successfully removing additional quantities of nitrogen to help restore the health of the Chesapeake Bay. We estimate that over the last 12 months we reduced the amount of nitrogen contained in the treated water by about 70% which equates to removal of approximately 138,000 pounds.*

*In addition, the biosolids dryer project is just about completed. The dryer will produce a granular fertilizer-like material suitable for application on farms, gardens, and turf. The dryer makes beneficial use of the energy contained in the methane gas produced by DTMA's "big blue egg-shaped digester".*

*Payments on bonds issued to fund these and other projects increased by approximately \$150,000 from 2006 levels. To cover this increase and increases in operating expenses the Authority Board has approved an adjustment to its various rates of approximately 5%. This includes the rates charged to retail and municipal users and firms that deliver hauled waste to the treatment facility. Fees charged for capacity when new users connect to the system were increased approximately 7%. The new rates shown below will go into effect with sewer bills issued on or after **April 1, 2007**:*

### **Metered Customers**

**CURRENT RATE:** Fixed charge of \$8.50 per unit per month plus \$4.10 for every 1,000 gallons of water consumed.

**NEW RATE:** Fixed charge of \$9.00 per unit per month plus \$4.30 for every 1,000 gallons of water consumed.

### **Flat Rate Customers (Customers who have private wells)**

**CURRENT RATE:** \$31.40 per unit per month

**NEW RATE:** \$33.00 per unit per month

*\*Each single-family residence is one unit. Each apartment in a multi-family dwelling is a unit.*