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Sewerage Authority Announces Completion of New Solar Field

Sewerage Authority Chair Carolyn Gaziano announced today that the Bernards Township Sewerage Authority has completed the construction of a 1.1 Megawatt Solar Photovoltaic Field at its Harrison Brook Sewerage Treatment Plant on Martinsville Road. The \$4.8 million project included the installation of over 4,700 solar panels on ground mounts, the drying bed roof, and two steel canopies that extend over the lagoons.

Chairperson Gaziano said, “We are very pleased that this project has been done on time and on budget. This will not only reduce our operating costs, but is an additional, ecologically sensible and progressive initiative in the drive toward energy independence.”

The project was constructed at a cost of \$4.27 per watt plus the cost for a new roof over the drying bed. The Authority anticipates saving \$150,000 a year in electrical costs in addition to \$1.5 million in revenues generated from the sale of Solar Renewable Energy Certificates. In 2010 the Authority consumed 2,014 KWH of electricity at a cost of \$266,000.

Photos of the project and more information about the Sewerage Authority is available on the Township’s website www.bernards.org