

May 28, 2010

**PINELANDS COMMISSION**

**Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan**

**Waste Management**

**Adopted Amendments: N.J.A.C. 7:50-5.29, 6.73, 6.74 and 6.76**

**Adopted Repeal: N.J.A.C. 7:50-10.28 through 10.30**

Proposed: March 15, 2010 at 42 N.J.R. 663(a)

Adopted: June 11, 2010 by the New Jersey Pinelands Commission,  
John C. Stokes, Executive Director

Filed: August 13, 2010 **without change**

Authorized by: New Jersey Pinelands Commission

Authority: N.J.S.A. 13:18A-6j.

Effective Date: September 7, 2010

Expiration Date: Exempt.

The New Jersey Pinelands Commission (Commission) is adopting amendments to Subchapters 5, Minimum Standards for Land Uses and Intensities, and 6, Management Programs and Minimum Standards, of the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) and repealing the Fort Dix Consumer Electronics Recycling Center Pilot Program previously set forth at N.J.A.C. 7:50-10.28-10.30 of the CMP. These amendments were proposed on March 15, 2010 at 42 N.J.R. 663(a). Their purpose is to recognize the successful implementation of the pilot program and permit the continued operation of the Fort Dix recycling center on a permanent basis.

In association with publication of the proposed amendments in the March 15, 2010 issue of the New Jersey Register, the Pinelands Commission transmitted the proposal to each Pinelands municipality and county, as well as to other interested parties, for review and comment. Additionally, the Pinelands Commission:

- Sent notice of the public hearing to all persons and organizations which subscribe to the Commission's public hearing registry;
- Placed advertisements of the public hearing in the four official newspapers of the Commission, as well as on the Commission's own web page;
- Submitted the proposed amendments to the Pinelands Municipal Council pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:18A-7f;
- Distributed the proposed amendments and new rule to the news media maintaining a press office in the State House Complex;
- Published a copy of the proposed amendments on its web page at [www.nj.gov/pinelands](http://www.nj.gov/pinelands); and
- Distributed press releases concerning the proposed amendments to the news media.

**Summary of Hearing Officer Recommendations and Agency Response:**

A formal public hearing was held before the Commission staff on April 28, 2010. One individual attended the hearing; however, no oral testimony was provided. Consequently, the hearing officer did not recommend any changes to the proposed amendments based upon the record of the public hearing.

The hearing was recorded on magnetic tape which is on file at the Commission's office at 15 Springfield Road, New Lisbon, New Jersey. The record of this rulemaking is available for inspection in accordance with applicable law by contacting:

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**Summary of Public Comments and Agency Responses:**

The Commission accepted oral comments on the March 15, 2010 proposal at the above-discussed April 28, 2010 public hearing and written comments by regular mail, facsimile or e-mail through May 14, 2010.

No individuals or organizations submitted written comments. As a result, no changes to the proposed amendments were made pursuant to the public response.

**Federal Standards Statement**

Section 502 of the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 471i) called upon the State of New Jersey to develop a comprehensive management plan for the Pinelands National Reserve. The original plan adopted in 1980 was subject to the approval of the United States Secretary of the Interior, as are all amendments to the plan.

The federal Pinelands legislation sets forth rigorous goals that the plan must meet, including the protection, preservation and enhancement of the land and water

resources of the Pinelands. The amendments now being adopted are designed to meet these standards by reducing the amount of potentially hazardous materials entering the waste stream and by recycling these materials instead through environmentally responsible practices.