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Phillip S. Miller, Executive Director
Mercer County Improvement Authority
80 Hamilton Avenue, 2nd floor
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Dear Mr. Miller:

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Sustainable Waste Management, Bureau of Planning and Licensing (Department) is in receipt of a request for administrative action to the Mercer County District Solid Waste Management Plan (County Plan) dated August 10, 2022. The request proposes an extension of the research, development, and demonstration (RD&D) project at Community Food Cycle, LLC (CFC) located at 20 Long Way, Block 14, Lot 15 in Hopewell Township. CFC accepts up to 5 tons per day (Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:00pm) of source separated food waste and processes it using several different composting methods, using in-vessel aerobic composting and Bokashi fermentation to produce a viable soil amendment.

The Department originally approved CFC to conduct the RD&D project on July 29, 2021, for a one (1) year period, beginning on the date the RD&D is approved by the Bureau of Recycling and Hazardous Waste Management. CFC reported that the RD&D project is at the end of the first year of operation and needs additional time to fully evaluate the various composting technologies and gather additional data.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26-6.11(b)13, the extension of an operation of a RD&D project can be accomplished via an Administration Action. Therefore, the County Plan inclusion of the extension of the RD&D project at CFC is hereby approved as an Administrative Action pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26-6.11(f).

If you have any questions relative to this action, please contact Joanne McClendon of my staff by email at joanne.mcclendon@dep.nj.gov.

Sincerely,

Jill Aspinwall, Section Chief
Bureau of Planning and Licensing