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Carole Tolmachewich, Principal Planner County of Middlesex Division of Solid Waste Management 444 Hoes Lane Building 6, Suite 120 Piscataway, NJ 08854

Dear Ms. Tolmachewich:

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Sustainable Waste Management, Bureau of Solid Waste Planning and Licensing is in receipt of a proposed amendment to the Middlesex County District Solid Waste Management Plan (County Plan) dated January 10, 2023. Administrative Action 006-22 to the County Plan proposes County plan inclusion of minor changes to the County Plan consisting of:

- Add the most current solid waste, recycling data and projections; Reflect the Plan Amendments and Administrative Actions that have been adopted since the last Plan update in 2012
- Update the source reduction and recycling programs to be consistent with existing practices and include up to date statistics
- Amend the definitions of certain mandated recyclables:
 - o brush to specifically include Christmas trees
 - o steel cans to exclude aerosol cans
 - o mixed paper to exclude shredded paper
 - o add a note regarding food contaminated recyclables
- Add food waste from large generators to the mandated materials list
- Include revised future directions
- Amend the Application Filing Requirements and certain Plan sections to
 - o change the tonnage due date to March 1
 - o change filing deadline to second Wednesday for a new facility whether it is being included via Administrative Action or Plan Amendment
 - o add a requirement to include a tax map and the site/building size
 - o add more specific language regarding site traffic

- delete specific public notice requirements and instead refer to NJDEP regulations as well as a note regarding the Environmental Justice regulations
- add procedures for inclusion of an RD&D and intermodal container facility that mirror those in place for a Class A recycling facility except for the need for a Board of County Commissioners resolution
- o increase the application filing fee to reflect additional costs imposed on the County due to NJDEP notice requirements change
- Add a section to the Plan to reflect the requirement in the Application Filing
 Requirements that all solid waste and recycling facilities must file an annual report
- Correct the Middlesex County Landfill lots to modify lots 7.02 and 23.01 to read "7.02 (portion of) and 23.01 (portion of)" and to delete lots 34.07 and 34.08
- Change the name and ownership of the Petillo Class B Recycling Facility located at Block 341, part of Lot 1, 172 Backeland Avenue in the Borough of Middlesex back to J.H. Reid On-Site Recycling, Inc.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26-6.11(b)14, the inclusion of minor changes to the County Plan can be accomplished via an administrative action and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26-6.11(b)7 can be accomplished via an administrative action. Therefore, the minor changes to the County Plan are 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 Dawn Slawsky of my staff at (609) 984-4250 or email at dawn.slawsky@dep.nj.gov.

Sincerely,

Jill Aspinwall, Section Chief

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