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IN THE MATTER OF CERTAIN AMENDMENTS
TO THE ADOPTED AND APPROVED SOLID
WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE
HMDC SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
DISTRICT

CERTIFICATION
OF THE JULY 23, 1997
AMENDMENT TO THE HMDC DISTRICT
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER:

A. Introduction

The New Jersey Solid Waste Management Act (N.J.S.A. 13:1E-1 et seq.) established a comprehensive system for the management of solid waste in New Jersey. The Act designated all twenty-one (21) of the state's counties, and the Hackensack Meadowlands District, as Solid Waste Management Districts, and mandated that the Boards of Chosen Freeholders and the Hackensack Meadowlands Development Commission (HMDC) develop comprehensive plans for waste management in their respective districts. On July 31, 1980, the Department of Environmental Protection (Department or DEP) approved, with modifications, the HMDC District Solid Waste Management Plan (District Plan).

The Act requires that all district plans be based on and accompanied by a report detailing the existing waste disposal situation in the district, and a plan which includes the strategy to be followed by the district in meeting the solid waste management needs of the district for a ten-year planning period. The report must detail the current and projected waste generation for the district, inventory and appraise all facilities in the district, and analyze the waste collection and transportation systems which serve the district. The disposal strategy must include the maximum practicable use of resource recovery techniques. In addition to this strategy, the plan must designate sufficient available suitable sites for the disposal of the district's waste for a ten-year period, which sites may be in the district or, if none are available, in another district. (The Act provides procedures for reaching any necessary interdistrict agreements.)

The Act further provides that a district may review its District Plan at any time and, if found inadequate, a new District Plan must be adopted. The HMDC Commissioners completed such a review and on July 23, 1997, adopted an amendment to its approved District Plan.

The amendment includes the Resource Management Technologies, Inc. recycling center for Class B materials located in North Bergen Township, Hudson County.

The amendment was received by the Department on August 7, 1997, and copies were distributed to various administrative review agencies for review and comment, as required by law. The Department has reviewed this amendment and has determined that the amendment adopted by the HMDC Commissioners on July 23, 1997 is approved as provided in N.J.S.A. 13:1E-24.

B. Findings and Conclusions with Respect to the HMDC District Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:1E-24a(1), I have studied and reviewed the July 23, 1997 amendment to the District Plan according to the objectives, criteria, and standards developed in the Statewide Solid Waste Management Plan and I find and conclude that this plan amendment is consistent with the Statewide Solid Waste Management Plan. In this regard, the HMDC Commissioners and the applicant are notified of the issues of concern relative to the July 23, 1997 amendment which are included within Section B.2. below.

In conjunction with the review of the amendment, the Department circulated copies to fifteen administrative review agencies and solicited their review and comment. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:1E-24a(2) and (3), these agencies included various bureaus, divisions, and agencies within the DEP. All agencies contacted are as follows:

Division of Water Quality, DEP
Division of Parks and Forestry, DEP
Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife, DEP
Division of Compliance and Enforcement, DEP
Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste, DEP
Office of Air Quality Management, DEP
Green Acres Program, DEP
Land Use Regulation Element, DEP
New Jersey Turnpike Authority
Department of Agriculture
Department of Health
Department of Transportation
Department of Community Affairs
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
New Jersey Advisory Council on Solid Waste Management

1. Agency Participation in the Review of the July 23, 1997 Amendment

The following agencies did not object to the proposed amendment:

Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife, DEP
Department of Agriculture
Department of Community Affairs
New Jersey Turnpike Authority
Department of Transportation
Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste, DEP

The following agencies did not respond to our requests for comment:

Division of Parks and Forestry, DEP
Green Acres Program, DEP
Land Use Regulation Element, DEP
Department of Health
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
New Jersey Advisory Council on Solid Waste Management

The following agencies provided substantive comments as shown in Section B. of the certification document:

Division of Compliance and Enforcement, DEP
Office of Air Quality Management, DEP
Division of Water Quality, DEP

2. Issues of Concern Regarding the July 23, 1997 Amendment

Issue: Regulatory Requirements

If any operation of a recycling center will discharge pollutants as defined in N.J.A.C. 7:14-1.9, said operation must secure a New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit and/or a Treatment Works Approval for pollutant discharges prior to operation.

Recycling centers are subject to the provisions of N.J.A.C. 7:27-5, "Prohibition of Air Pollution." This regulation prohibits the release of odors and other air contaminants which interfere with the enjoyment of life and property.

Resource Management Technologies, Inc. has had recent enforcement action taken by the DEP's Division of Compliance and Enforcement for operating an unapproved recycling center for Class B materials. Specifically, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26A-4.2, no recycling center shall commence operations unless and until it is included in the applicable district solid waste management plan. Therefore, as noted within Section C., the approval of this facility within the District Plan will correct a historical planning deficiency.

C. Certification of the HMDC District Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 13:1E-1 et seq., specifically N.J.S.A. 13:1E-21, which establishes specific requirements regarding the contents of the district solid waste management plans, I have reviewed the July 23, 1997 amendment to the approved District Plan and certify to the HMDC Commissioners that the July 23, 1997 amendment is approved as specified below.

The District Plan inclusion of the Resource Management Technologies, Inc. recycling center for Class B materials located at 2531 94th Street, Block 480, Lots 1, 6, and 9 in the Township of North Bergen, Hudson County is approved. Specifically, the facility proposes to accept 1,550 tons per day of Class B materials comprising concrete, brick, block, asphalt, ceramic, stumps, brush, tree limbs, tree branches, wood, and leaves. Finally, as noted within Section B., approval of this facility within the District Plan will correct a historical planning deficiency.

This certification shall not be construed as an expression of the Department's intent to issue a recycling center approval to any recycling center for Class B materials. A recycling center approval shall only be issued where the applicant has submitted an administratively complete application, as per N.J.A.C. 7:26A-3.5, where all substantive criteria for approval set forth in N.J.A.C. 7:26A-3.2, 3.3, and 3.4 are satisfied, where a fee has been paid in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:26A-2, and where none of the criteria for denial of a recycling center approval are met, as per N.J.A.C. 7:26A-11 and 12. Also, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26A-4.1(a)1.iii., Class B recyclable materials may be commingled only with other Class B recyclable materials and only to the extent authorized in the general approval issued by the Department.

D. Other Provisions Affecting the Plan Amendment

1. Contracts

Any contract renewal or new contract for solid waste collection or disposal which is inconsistent with this amendment to the District Plan and which was executed prior to the approval of this amendment and subsequent to the effective date of the Solid Waste Management Act (July 29, 1977), and which shall further be for a term in excess of one year, shall immediately be renegotiated in order to bring same into conformance with the terms and provisions herein set forth. Any solid waste collection operation or disposal facility registered by the Department and operating pursuant to a contract as herein described, shall be deemed to be in violation of this amendment and of the District Plan if such renegotiation is not completed within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this amendment provided, however, that any such registrant may, upon application to the Department, and for good cause shown, obtain an

extension of time to complete such renegotiation.

2. Compliance

All solid waste facility operators and transporters registered with the Department and operating within the District and affected by the amendment contained herein shall operate in compliance with this amendment and all other approved provisions of the District Plan. Any facility operator or transporter who fails to comply with the provisions contained herein shall be deemed to be in violation of N.J.S.A. 13:1E-1 et seq., in violation of N.J.A.C. 7:26-1 et seq., and in violation of their registration to operate a solid waste facility or a collection system issued thereunder by the Department and shall be subject to the provisions and penalties of N.J.S.A. 13:1E-9 and 12 and all other applicable laws.

3. Types of Solid Wastes Covered by the District Plan

The provisions of the District Plan shall apply to all solid wastes defined in N.J.S.A. 13:1E-3 and N.J.A.C. 7:26-2.13 and shall not apply to liquid waste, sewage sludge, septage, and hazardous waste. All nonhazardous materials separated at the point of generation for sale or reuse and all construction and demolition waste classified as Type 13C are excluded from the waste flows designated in the Interdistrict and Intradistrict Solid Waste Flow Rules set forth at N.J.A.C. 7:26-6, but are subject to regulation in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:26A-1 et seq.

4. Certification to Proceed with the Implementation of the Plan Amendment

This document shall serve as the certification of the Commissioner of the Department to the HMDC Commissioners and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:1E-24c. and f., the District shall proceed with the implementation of the approved amendment certified herein.

5. Definitions

For the purpose of this amendment and unless the context clearly requires a different meaning, the definitions of terms shall be the same as those found at N.J.S.A. 13:1E-3 and -99.12, N.J.A.C. 7:26-1.4, -2.13, and N.J.A.C. 7:26A-1.3.

6. Effective Date of the Amendment

The amendment to the District Plan contained herein shall take effect immediately.

7. Reservation of Authority

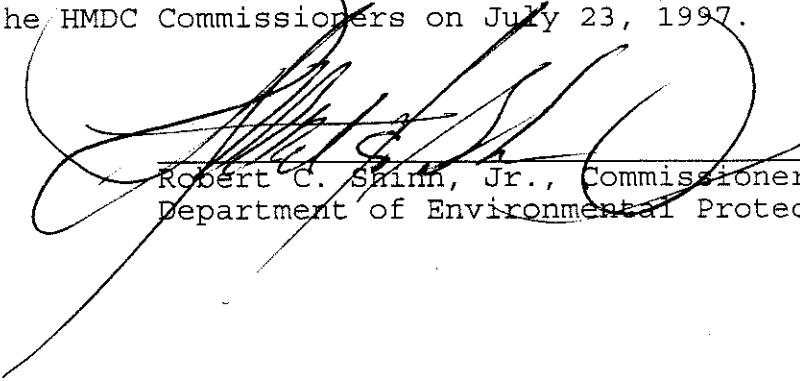
Nothing contained herein shall be construed as a limitation on any other action taken by the DEP pursuant to its authority under the

law. The District Plan, including any amendment made thereto, shall conform with the Statewide Solid Waste Management Plan, with appendices, which includes the Department's planning guidelines, rules, regulations, orders of the DEP, interdistrict and intradistrict waste flow rules, and also includes the compilation of individual district plans and amendments as they are approved.

E. Certification of Approval of the Amendment by the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection

In accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 13:1E-1 et seq., I hereby approve the amendment, as outlined in Section C. of this certification, to the HMDC District Solid Waste Management Plan which was adopted by the HMDC Commissioners on July 23, 1997.

10/7/97
Date


Robert C. Shinn, Jr., Commissioner
Department of Environmental Protection