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

CERTIFICATION

OF THE JANUARY 21, 1992

AMENDMENT TO THE SOMERSET COUNTY

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 develop comprehensive plans for waste management in their respective districts. On July 31, 1980, the Department of Environmental Protection approved, with modifications, the Somerset County District Solid Waste Management Plan (County 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 plan at any time and, if found inadequate, a new plan must be adopted. The Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders (County Freeholders) completed such a review and on January 21, 1992, adopted an amendment to its approved County plan.

As adopted, the amendment proposed to include the following solid waste facilities and recycling centers in the County Plan:

- 1. The Merck and Company, Inc. Branchburg Farms' existing medical waste incinerators (two) and a proposed compost facility located in Brachburg Township;
- 2. The Fanwood Crushed Stone Company proposed asphalt and concrete recycling center located in Watchung Borough;
- 3. The Somerset Medical Center proposed microwave disinfection system located in Somerville Borough;  $\dot{\gamma}$
- 4. The Vollers Excavating and Construction Company proposed asphalt and concrete recycling center located in Branchburg Township;

In addition, the amendment proposed the following items:

- 5. The Resource Recovery Investment Tax Fund disbursement schedule; and
- 6. The revised blanket inclusion policy for vegetative waste compost facilities.

The amendment was received by the Department of Environmental Protection and Energy (Department or DEPE) on March 10, 1992 and copies were distributed to various administrative review agencies for review and comment, as required by law. The Department has reviewed this amendment, as well as the entire County Plan, and has determined that the amendment adopted by the County Freeholders on January 21, 1992 is approved with modifications as provided in N.J.S.A. 13:1E-24. Also, deficiencies in the County Plan have been identified within Section C. of this certification.

B. <u>Findings and Conclusions with Respect to the Somerset County District Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment</u>

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:1E-24a(1), I have studied and reviewed the January 21, 1992 amendment to the County 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 conjunction with the review of the amendment, the Department circulated copies to sixteen 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 Department. These agencies are the following:

Office of Energy, DEPE Division of Parks and Forestry, DEPE Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife, DEPE Division of Solid Waste Management, DEPE Green Acres Program, DEPE Land Use Regulation Element, DEPE Groundwater Quality Management Element, DEPE Wastewater Facilities Regulation Element, DEPE New Jersey Turnpike Authority New Jersey Advisory Council on Solid Waste Management Department of Agriculture Department of Health Department of Transportation Department of Community Affairs Department of the Public Advocate U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

## 1. . Agency Participation in the Review of the January 21, 1992 Amendment

The following agencies did not object to the proposed plan amendment:

Division of Parks and Forestry, DEPE
Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife, DEPE
Green Acres Program, DEPE
New Jersey Advisory Council on Solid Waste Management
New Jersey Turnpike Authority
Department of Agriculture

The following agencies did not respond to the Department's requests for comments:

Land Use Regulation Element, DEPE
Groundwater Quality Management Element, DEPE
Department of Health
Department of Transportation
Department of Community Affairs
Department of the Public Advocate
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

The following agencies submitted comments which are further addresed below:

Division of Solid Waste Management, DEPE Office of Energy, DEPE Wastewater Facilities Regulation Element, DEPE

#### 2. Issues of Concern Regarding the January 21, 1992 Amendment

Issue: Regulatory Requirements

Recycling centers and compost facilities are subject to the provisions of N.J.A.C. 7:27-5, "Prohibition of Air Pollution," which prohibits odors and other air contaminants which interfere with the enjoyment of life or property. Recycling centers are also subject to N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.2(a)16 which requires air pollution control permits for any equipment which vents solid waste facility directly or indirectly into the Stationary conveying equipment which causes atmosphere. emissions of air contaminants are subject to the provisions of N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.2(a)11. Further, the recycling of asphalt may release organic substances to the air and any bituminous concrete plant which uses the recycled asphalt may need air pollution control apparatus to control organic substance emissions. Air pollution control permits for existing bituminous concrete plants would have to be revised to include recycled asphalt. Finally, the use of crushers and shredders may necessitate the control of particulate emissions to the air. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.2(a), 7, 11, 15 and 16, air pollution control permits to construct, install or alter control apparatus or equipment may be required. Facilities which crush and/or shred concrete, brick, etc., must also comply with the noise control code N.J.A.C. 7:29.1.

Recycling centers for Class B recyclable materials, as defined at  $\underline{\text{N.J.A.C.}}$  7:26A-1.3, require County Plan inclusion and must obtain approval from the Department prior to operation pursuant to  $\underline{\text{N.J.A.C.}}$  7:26A-3, and must comply with the regulations at  $\underline{\text{N.J.A.C.}}$  7:26A-4.

If the operation of any of the proposed facilities will discharge pollutants as defined in N.J.A.C. 7:14A-1.9, the facility must obtain a New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit and/or a Treatment Works Approval for pollutant discharge prior to operation.

The Somerset Medical Center proposal to install a new microwave disinfection system for the treatment of medical waste requires the facility to register as a medical waste destination facility pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26-3A.8. Also, an air pollution control permit from the Department will be required pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.2(a)16. Additionally, for such a system, the Department of Health has established efficacy standards which are now required as part of the Department's permitting process.

Further, on March 6, 1989, the "Comprehensive Regulated Waste Management Act," P.L. 1989, c. 34, was signed into law. This legislation provides a distinction between a commercial facility and a noncommercial facility and defines a noncommercial facility as one "which accepts regulated medical waste from other generators for a cost-based fee not in excess of the costs actually incurred by the facility or on site generator for the

treatment or disposal of the regulated medical waste." The Act also grandfathered all existing medical waste disposal facilities in their respective district solid waste management plans. Unless a facility was acting as a commercial facility prior to August 6, 1989 and was therefore grandfathered in the district plan, approval of a medical waste incinerator must be limited to a noncommercial facility only.

The County Freeholders and the affected applicants are hereby notified of these requirements.

Issue: Resource Recovery Investment Tax (RRIT) Fund

On September 4, 1990, the County Freeholders adopted an amendment to the County Plan which outlined the revised use of the RRIT Fund in the amount of \$1,800,000 to develop an intermediate processing facility. The November 12, 1991 certification of this amendment determined this use of the RRIT Fund to be eligible pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:1E-150b. However, a disbursement schedule as required by N.J.S.A. 13:1E-150c was not submitted as part of the amendment. The November 12, 1991 certification required the submission of a subsequent plan amendment to the Department containing a disbursement schedule for the revised use prior to the disbursement of any RRIT Fu 3 moneys. The January 21, 1992 amendment addresses the RRIT Fund disbursement schedule and is consistent with N.J.S.A. 13:1E-150c.

The County Freeholders are hereby notified of these comments.

Issue: Revised Blanket Inclusion Policy for Vegetative Waste Compost Facilities

On August 6, 1985, the County Freeholders adopted an amendment to the County Plat which contained a blanket vegetative waste compost facilities plan inclusion policy. The blanket plan inclusion policy was certified as approved by the Commissioner on December 11, 1985. The purpose of the blanket inclusion policy was to encourage and facilitate the development of vegetative waste compost facilities by eliminating the more complicated and time consuming process of including each and every compost facility in the County Plan pursuant to a formal plan amendment process as set forth in the Act. The revised blanket inclusion policy is restricted to any new vegetative waste compost facility of less than 5,000 cubic yards of annual Although the County may set restrictions on their blanket capacity. inclusion policy, such restrictions must be in conformance with uniform criteria established by the Department. The following modifications to the County blanket inclusion policy are necessary to conform to the Department's uniform criteria: (1) the owner/operator of a compost facility must submit to the County a more detailed project description including the lot/block and street location, the materials to be composted and a description of the operation, the name of a contact person, and a map of the site; (2) all compost facilities are required to obtain all applicable local permits and approvals; and (3) the County Freeholders must approve by resolution the blanket inclusion of all compost facilities and submit the resolution to the Department along with a transmittal letter once the blanket inclusion process has been completed for a particular site(s).

The County Freeholders are hereby notified of these comments and modifications to the County's blanket inclusion policy for vegetative waste compost facilities. Although these modifications are minor and, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:1E-24d., do not require subsequent County Freeholder action, the County may adopt a subsequent plan amendment to include these modifications or make appropriate revisions.

# C. <u>Certification of the Somerset County District Solid Waste Management Plan</u> <u>Amendment</u>

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 January 21, 1992 amendment to the approved County Plan and certify to the County Freeholders that the January 21, 1992 amendment is approved with modifications as further specified below.

#### 1. January 21, 1992 Amendment

1) The County Plan inclusion of the Merck and Company, Inc. Branchburg Farms' two existing medical waste incinerators and a proposed compost facility all located at Lot 21, Block 3, in Branchburg Township, Somerset County is approved. The incinerators, in operation since 1978 and 1983, treat animal carcasses and animal wastes including bedding, feed material contaminated by animals, fecal material, lab waste, and miscellaneous operational waste. The two incinerators are burning at a maximum of 290 pounds per hour and 500 pounds per hour, respectively. The proposed compost facility will compost animal carcasses, manure, bedding and associated wastes thus reducing the volume of waste incinerated. The composted material will be applied to land at the Branchburg Farms.

According to the Comprehensive Regulated Medical Waste Management Act, P.L. 1989, c.34, section 14.a., any incinerator that was operating as a medical waste incinerator on March 6, 1989 and continued to incinerate regulated medical waste after that date was incorporated within the County Plan. The plan inclusion process for these two incinerators is for the County's inventory of solid waste facilities.

2) The County Plan inclusion of the Fanwood Crushed Stone Company asphalt and concrete recycling center, located at Lots 5 and 20, Block 76.01, in Watchung Borough, Somerset County is approved. This facility will process old asphalt and concrete and recycle the material back into the construction and paving market. The facility has the capacity to process approximately 1,000 tons per day. Because this recycling center will be handling Class B recyclable materials, as defined at N.J.A.C. 7:26A-1.3, it must obtain a recycling center approval from the Department pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26A-3, prior to operation.

The County Plan inclusion of the Somerset Medical Center microwave disinfection system, located at Lot 1, Block 13, in Somerville Borough, Somerset County is approved. More specifically, the microwave medical waste disinfection unit is an ABB Sanitec Microwave Disinfection System and has the processing capacity of approximately 550 pounds per hour. Materials to be processed shall be restricted to medical and hospital waste as defined at N.J.A.C. 7:26-3A, exclusive of carcasses or body parts. Under no · circumstances may the hospital use the microwave to process recyclable materials mandated by Somerville Borough or Somerset County, and the company must submit quarterly recycling reports to both entities. The Somerset Medical Center shall dispose of its nonmedical hospital waste pursuant to the Somerset County District Solid Waste Management Plan and furnish proof of said disposal to Somerset County.

Under the Comprehensive Regulated Medical Waste Management Act (P.L. 1989, c. 34) a moratorium is imposed on DEPE approval or consideration of any new commercial medical waste facility until the new statewide medical waste management plan is completed. Therefore, plan inclusion approval of new facilities which were not in operation and accepting regulated medical waste on or prior to March 6, 1989 is restricted to facilities limited to noncommercial use.

The Somerset Medical Center must submit to the Department a certified affidavit verifying the noncommercial status of the facility. This affidavit, a sample of which may be obtained by contacting the DEPE, Division of Solid Waste Management (DSWM), Bureau of Medical Waste and Residuals Planning, must be submitted within 45 days of the date of this certification. In addition, the applicant is hereby directed to contact the DEPE, DSWM, Bureau of Registration, to register as a medical waste destination facility; to contact the DEPE, Environmental Regulation Element, Bureau of New Source Review, concerning the need for a permit to construct, install or alter control apparatus or equipment; to contact the DEPE, Wastewater Facilities Regulation Element, concerning the need for a treatment works approval; and to contact the Department of Health, Division of Epidemiology and Communicable Disease Control, Public Health Sanitation and Safety Program, regarding its efficacy standards.

4) The County Plan inclusion of the Vollers Excavating and Construction Company asphalt and concrete recycling center located at Lot 17.01, Block 9, in Branchburg Township, Somerset County is approved. This facility will process a maximum of 300 tons per day of asphalt and concrete generated solely from the work performed by Vollers Excavating and Construction Company. Because this recycling center will be handling Class B recyclable materials, as defined at N.J.A.C. 7:26A-1.3, it must obtain a recycling center approval from the Department pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26A-3 prior to operation.

- The County Plan inclusion of the Resource Recovery Investment Tax Fund disbursement schedule is approved. In the Department's November 12, 1991 certification of the September 4, 1990 amendment, the Department approved revisions to the RRIT Fund use. the certification noted the absence of a disbursement schedule and prohibited the County from any disbursement of RRIT Fund moneys until a disbursement schedule was approved by the Department. January 21, 1992 amendment authorizes the disbursement of a \$1.8 million payment to Lott Construction Company for a portion of the construction costs of the County recycling/materials recovery facility planned for Bridgewater Township. The payment is to be made by July 31, 1992 or soon thereafter. The Department finds that the disbursement schedule of the RRIT Fund moneys is consistent with the procedures set forth in N.J.S.A. 13:1E-150c. Accordingly, the disbursement schedule for RRIT Fund moneys is approved. For any expenditure of money from the Resource Recovery Investment Tax Fund beyond the \$1.8 million approved herein, Somerset County must submit, and have approved by the Department, another plan amendment that proposes a new use and disbursement schedule.
- 6) The County Plan inclusion of the revised blanket inclusion policy for vegetative waste compost facilities is approved as modified below. The Department, to ensure a uniform implementation of such blanket inclusion policies for all counties, has modified the blanket inclusion policy to require of the owner/operator a more detailed project description and the receipt of all necessary local permits and approvals. In addition, the County Freeholders are required to approve all compost facilities by resolution. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:1E-24d., these modifications are determined to be minor and do not require subsequent County Freeholder action. However, the County may adopt a subsequent plan amendment to include these modifications or make appropriate revisions.

Pursuant to the blanket inclusion policy any application for a compost facility of less than 5,000 cubic yards annual capacity for residential leaves and grass clippings, vegetative waste from farms, plant nurseries and greenhouses, produced from the raising of plants which includes such crop residue as plant stalks, hulls, leaves and tree waste produced through a wood chipper is consistent with the Somerset County Plan and no further plan amendment is required.

For such compost facilities to be included within the County Plan pursuant to the blanket inclusion policy, the following procedures must be followed.

- a) A project description containing the following information shall be submitted to the host municipality and the County:
  - (1) The corporate name, address and telephone number of the person seeking to own and operate the proposed vegetative waste compost facility;
  - (2) The name of the individual serving as the contact person for the compost facility;

- (3) The location of the proposed vegetative waste compost facility, including lot and block, and generally recognized address of the site;
- (4) The acreage of the site and/or square footage of the vegetative waste compost facility;
- (5) The zoning of the site;
- (6) A description of the material(s) to be composted;
- (7) A description of the compost operation in narrative form;
- (8) A map delineating the actual location of the facility in relationship to the host municipality and neighboring communities;
- (9) A description of major equipment to be used at the compost facility;
- (10) A description of the methods addressing environmental impacts such as odors, noise, dust and visual impacts; and
- (11) A full copy of the complete application as submitted to the DEPE including all engineering design reports, maps, etc.
- b) The applicant shall publish two (2) notices of the proposed application, once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks, in the designated official newspaper of the host municipality or in the absent thereof a newspaper of general circulation within the host municipality. The notice shall set forth:
  - (1) The nature of the project;
  - (2) The block and lot numbers of the site location;
  - (3) The generally recognized address of the site;
  - (4) The location of the depositories (which in all cases shall be the municipal building and the County Division of Solid Waste Management) for inspection of the complete application and supporting documents, and,
  - (5) A statement that written comments on the proposed application will be accepted by the County Division of Solid Waste Management for a period of 30 days from the date of the first notice.
- c) The applicant shall submit written documentation that all applicable local approvals and permits have been secured.
- d) The applicant shall notify by way of certified, return receipt mail all property owners within 200 feet of the property proposed for use in the vegetative waste compost facility.
- e) If no substantive objections to the site location are raised by the host municipality, the County Division of Solid Waste Management, or any other person, the facility shall be deemed consistent with the County Solid Waste Management Plan.

- f) If, however, any such substantive objection is raised, as determined by the County, the proposed site and facility must be subject to the formal plan amendment process pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:1E-23 and 24.
- g) The County Freeholders shall approve the vegetative waste compost facility to be included in the County plan under the blanket inclusion policy by duly adopted resolution and such resolution shall be submitted to the Department along with a transmittal letter, once the blanket inclusion process has been completed for a particular site(s), and the detailed project description set forth in a above.

For compost facilities processing in excess of 5,000 cubic yards to a maximum of 20,000 cubic yards annually, the applicant shall follow the formal solid waste plan amendment procedure pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:1E-23 and 24 and shall obtain DEPE approval prior to construction of the facility pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:1E-4 and 5. No facility in excess of 20,000 cubic yards annual capacity shall be allowed to be constructed.

For any facility proposing in-vessel technology, the formal plan amendment process shall be followed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:1E-1 et seq., including notice, public hearing, County Freeholder approval, and subsequent DEPE approval prior to construction of the facility.

The approval of this blanket plan inclusion policy for vegetative waste compost facilities applies only to future compost facilities and does not affect the existing plan inclusion status of any vegetative waste compost facilities.

The construction or operation of any solid waste facility noted above shall be preceded by the acquisition of all necessary permits and approvals pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:1E-1 et seq., and all other applicable laws. The issuance of operating permits pursuant to the Solid Waste Management Act is limited to those applicants found by the Department and the Attorney General to be deserving of licensing under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 13:1E-126.

Any residue generated as a result of the operations of the recycling centers shall be disposed of pursuant to the County Plan and the Interdistrict and Intradistrict Solid Waste Flow Rules (N.J.A.C. 7:26 et seq.). The construction and operation of all recycling centers which receive, store, process or transfer Class B recyclable materials, as defined at N.J.A.C. 7:26A-1.3, shall be preceded by the acquisition of the necessary approvals pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26A-3 et seq., and shall be in conformance with Department regulations and guidelines, including N.J.A.C. 7:26A-4.

#### 2. <u>Somerset County District Solid Waste Plan Deficiencies</u>

On February 6, 1991, August 5, 1991 and November 12, 1991, recent amendments to the County Plan were certified. Within those certifications deficiencies were noted within the County Plan and the County Freeholders were directed to address the deficiencies in a subsequent plan amendment submission. Specifically, the longstanding deficiencies pertain to the

lack of sufficient available suitable sites for solid waste disposal, the lack of a solid waste transportation plan, and the lack of a description of financing for the needed solid waste facilities. Also, the County Freeholders were directed to address the recommendations of the Emergency solid Waste Assessment Task Force Final Report pertaining to source reduction, recycling and regionalization. The County has recently submitted for Departmental review a plan amendment addressing the recommendations of the Emergency Solid Waste Assessment Task Force Final Report. However, continued failure of the County to address the longstanding deficiencies could result in the Department's withholding and reallocating of Solid Waste Services Tax moneys and direct DEPE intervention in the County's planning process.

## 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 County 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 tall 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 County 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 County and affected by the amendment contained herein shall operate in compliance with this amendment and all other approved provisions of the County 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 Solid Waste Management Plan

The provisions of the County 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 wastes, sewage sludge, septage, and hazardous wastes. All nonhazardous materials separated at the point of generation for sale or reuse 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. <u>Certification to Proceed with the Implementation of the Plan</u> Amendment

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

#### 5. <u>Definitions</u>

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, and -2.13, and N.J.A.C. 7:26A-1.3.

## 6. <u>Effective Date of the Amendment</u>

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

## 7. Reservation of Authority

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Nothing contained herein shall be construed as a limitation on any other action taken by the Department pursuant to its authority under the law. The County Plan, including any amendment made thereto, shall conform with the Statewide Solid Waste Management Plan. The Department has published a Statewide Solid Waste Management Plan, with appendices, which includes the Department's planning guidelines, rules, regulations, orders of the Department, interdistrict and intradistrict waste flow rules, and also includes the compilation of individual district plans and amendments as they are approved.

# E. <u>Certification of Approval with Modifications of the Amendment and Notification of Deficiencies by the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection and Energy</u>

In accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 13:1E-1 et seq., I hereby approve with modifications the amendment, as outlined in Section C. of this certification, to the Somerset County District Solid Waste Management Plan which was adopted by the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders on January 21, 1992. I hereby also require, as noted in Section C., the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders to address the noted deficiencies in an expeditious manner.

SCOTT A. WEINER

COMMISSIONER

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENERGY