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Dear Ms. Vigilante:

The Department of Environmental Protection's (Department) Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Program is in receipt of a request for administrative action to the Somerset County District Solid Waste Management Plan (County Plan) dated June 28, 2013. This request for administrative action to the County Plan proposes County Plan inclusion of revised designated traffic routes for solid waste vehicles accessing and exiting the Bridgewater Resources, Inc. (BRI) Transfer Station/Material Recovery Facility (TS/MRF) located at 15 Polhemus Lane in the Township of Bridgewater.

On November, 19, 1986, the Department proposed County Plan inclusion of, amongst other things, the BRI Transfer Station to be located in the Township of Bridgewater. The November 19, 1986 amendment to the County Plan was certified as approved by the Department on April 3, 1987 and in item D on page 12 of the certification the Department noted that "routes and methods of transport will be specified for both collection vehicles and transfer trailers as conditions of the facilities' permits... The routes and methods will be based on the Department's detailed review of the environmental impact statements... prior to issuance of a permit." These routes were incorporated into BRI's initial Solid Waste Facility (SWF) Permit, which was issued by the Department on August 26, 1987.

The June 28, 2013 request for administrative action to the County Plan proposes that the following language be included in the County Plan in regards to solid waste vehicle traffic routes for the subject facility.

“Notwithstanding any prohibitions on travel on any public roadways with posted weight limits which apply to all vehicles, the only limitation on truck travel to and from the BRI Facility shall be that solid waste vehicles which are or were carrying solid waste shall not travel east or west on East Main Street from its intersection with Finderne Avenue to its intersection with Polhemus Lane and Chimney Rock Road. The sole exception to this limitation shall be for any solid waste vehicle which is servicing a client in this otherwise prohibited area.”

The subject request for administrative action to the County Plan goes on to read that “[a]ny prior truck route designations with respect to the BRI Facility, prior to this designation, are hereby repealed.”

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26-6.11(b)2, the inclusion of designated traffic routes for solid waste vehicles accessing a solid waste facility can be accomplished via an administrative action. Therefore, the County Plan inclusion of revised designated traffic routes for solid waste vehicles accessing and exiting the BRI TS/MRF in the Township of Bridgewater is hereby approved as an administrative action pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26-6.11(f).

Please note that as the traffic routes for solid waste vehicles accessing the subject facility previously included in the County Plan are still a component of BRI's DEP-issued SWF Permit, the revised route specified above will not be enforceable until such time as BRI submits, and the DEP approves, a request for modification of their SWF Permit to reflect the above-specified route.

If you have any questions relative to this matter, please contact Ross M. Hull of my staff at (609) 984-5936 or by e-mail at ross.hull@dep.state.nj.us.

Sincerely,



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