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January 22, 2025

Carole Tolmachewich, Principal Planner  
County of Middlesex  
Division of Solid Waste Management  
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Dear Ms. Tolmachewich:

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Sustainable Waste Management, Bureau of Solid Waste Planning and Licensing is in receipt of a proposed amendment to the Middlesex County Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan) dated January 15, 2025. The amendment to the Plan proposes to include minor changes to the County Plan. The minor changes are included below:

"Amend the definitions in the Middlesex County Solid Waste Management Plan of the following materials (additions in bold, deletions in strikethrough):

Plastic Containers – plastic bottles, jars, jugs, and **tubs** made of PETE (SPI code #1), HDPE (SPI code #2), or **PP (SPI code #5)** excluding those containing or that contained household hazardous waste products.

Mixed paper – glossy inserts, magazines, telephone books, junk mail, colored paper, ~~computer paper~~, office paper, paperboard (chipboard, **boxboard**, and pressboard), wrapping paper, soft cover books, hard cover books with covers removed, **pulp packaging, tissue paper, greeting cards (no batteries)**, and fine paper, excluding **freezer boxes** and paper items with glitter, foil, or other materials.

These additional materials will be mandated on January 1, 2026."

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26-6.11(b)14, the inclusion of minor changes to the Middlesex County Solid Waste Management Plan can be accomplished via administration action. Therefore, the County Plan amendment is hereby approved as an Administrative Action pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26-6.11.

If you have any questions relative to this action, please contact me at (609) 940-5805 or Amy Entin at [Amy.Entin@dep.nj.gov](mailto:Amy.Entin@dep.nj.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jill Aspinwall".

Jill Aspinwall, Section Chief  
Bureau of Solid Waste Planning and Licensing

