Re: Extension of Regulated Medical Waste (RMW) Submission of Generator Annual Report Deadline to September 19, 2020

Dear Regulated Medical Waste Generator:

As you know, on March 9, 2020, Governor Philip D. Murphy issued Executive Order #103 (EO 103) declaring the COVID-19 pandemic to be both a Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency in New Jersey. EO 103 authorized and empowered the executive head of any agency or instrumentality of the State Government with authority to waive, suspend or modify any existing rule where the enforcement of which would be detrimental to the public welfare during this emergency. In accordance with EO 103, on April 13, 2020, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP or Department) Commissioner Catherine McCabe signed A Notice of Rule Waiver/Modification/Suspension and Administrative Order No. 2020-05 which authorized temporary amendments to certain provisions of the DEP Solid Waste Rules at N.J.A.C. 7:26-1, with notice of any regulatory modifications to be provided on the Department's website.

The Department is aware that the necessary COVID-19 restrictions and limitations have made it difficult or impossible to collect, compile, and submit RMW generation data in order to submit a complete and accurate 2020 RMW generator annual report by the regulatory due date of July 21, 2020.

Therefore, in accordance with Administrative Order No. 2020-05, the due date for submitting the 2020 RMW Generator Annual Report under 7:26-3A.21(d) is extended to September 19, 2020. This report is now due to the Department no later than September 19, 2020.

Like last year, generators will be sent a 2020 Generator Report form along with instructions; completed report forms are to be submitted to the email address below by September 19, 2020.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the DEP’s RMW Program at (609) 292-7081 (Press 4 at the prompt) or by email at rmwgeneratorannualreports@dep.nj.gov

Best Regards,

[Signature]

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