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Enforcement Alert

Making You Aware of Anticipated Enforcement Activities

Compliance and Enforcement

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DEP Gears up for Debris Disposal Under Severe Weather Conditions 3/10-11/2011

Who is affected by this initiative?

Solid waste coordinators, county and municipal staff or officials, waste transporters, disposal facility owner/operators, recycling facilities and other entities involved with waste transportation and disposal within New Jersey.

What is occurring?

Current weather forecasts predict severe weather conditions throughout the state including heavy rains, high winds, and flooding. The storm is expected to produce major flooding on the Ramapo, Passaic, Delaware, and Raritan Rivers, with the possibility of record floods.

To enable safe and timely disposal of the temporary but dramatic increase in waste and debris that may result from this emergency, DEP Commissioner Bob Martin signed an Administrative Order on March 10, 2011 [<http://www.nj.gov/dep/commissioner/docs/ao2011-02.pdf>] to suspend certain regulations pertaining to waste transportation and disposal **in very limited circumstances, on a case-by-case basis, provided adequate environmental safeguards are maintained.**

This advisory does not convey any suspension of the regulations; such suspension will be granted only a case-by-case basis, in writing, by authorized DEP officials.

The solid waste regulated community must continue to comply with all applicable solid waste and recycling regulations found at N.J.A.C. 7:26-1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 7:26A-1 et seq. respectively.

What is DEP doing?

The Department has updated its emergency debris guidance document which helps affected entities deal quickly, efficiently, and safely with this anticipated increase in waste. The Governor of New Jersey has declared a state of emergency and the Department has determined that a limited suspension of certain regulatory standards may be warranted. The updated guidance document referenced above is posted on the Department's web site at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/> under "Helpful Links" or at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/resource/forms.htm>

Under the guidance, the DEP **may** (upon order) temporarily allow for:

- Use of currently unregistered vehicles for waste transport

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- Exceedance of waste tonnage limits
- Expanded hours of facility operation

The guidance document also addresses such waste management issues as:

- General Waste Handling
- Solid Waste Disposal Facility Pricing
- Emergency Storage
- Recycling in General
- Enforcement
- Additional Contact Information

What should I do?

1. Read the updated guidance document at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/> under “Helpful Links” or at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/resource/forms.htm>
2. To use an unregistered vehicle for waste transport:
 - a. Fill out a temporary registration form. This form can be found at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/> under “Helpful Links” or at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/resource/forms.htm>
 - b. Fax the form to DEP at: (609) 292-4539
 - c. Obtain any approvals in writing via fax
3. For solid waste and recycling facilities to request expanded tonnage limits, hours of operation or address other limitations
 - a. Call the DEP at (609) 292-9880
 - b. Obtain any approvals in writing via fax

Who should I contact with questions?

During Business Hours:

Please contact **Anthony Fontana** at: **or**
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Non-Business Hours: 1-877-WARNDEP (1-877-927-6337)

Where can I get more information?

Visit the following sites for additional information regarding this advisory:

General NJDEP contact information: <http://www.nj.gov/cgi-bin/dep/contactdep.pl>

Governor Christie's Executive Order declaring weather state of emergency:

<http://www.nj.gov/governor/news/news/552011/approved/20110309a.html>

To comment on this advisory:

<http://www.nj.gov/dep/enforcement/survey.html>

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Please note this advisory is intended to be a summary explanation of a department initiative. It does not include all potentially applicable requirements. If you have any questions related to compliance with this initiative, please contact the contact numbers listed above.