



State of New Jersey

Department of Environmental Protection

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Commissioner

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

**CERTIFICATION
OF THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2003
AMENDMENT TO THE CAMDEN 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 (now the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission) develop comprehensive plans for waste management in their respective districts. On July 17, 1980, the Department of Environmental Protection (Department or DEP) approved, with modifications, the Camden 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.

The Act further provides that a district may review its County Plan at any time and, if found inadequate, a new County Plan must be adopted. The Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders (County Freeholders) completed such a review and on September 18, 2003, adopted an amendment to its approved County Plan.

The September 18, 2003 amendment proposes County Plan inclusion of the Lorco Petroleum Services Class D recycling center, located on Block 1201, Lot 1, with a street address of 1800 Carman Street, in the City of Camden; and, the National Paper Recycling Class A recycling center, located on Block 216, Lot 10, with a street address of 1531 Ferry Avenue, in the City of Camden.

The amendment was considered administratively complete for review by the Department on October 16, 2003, and copies were distributed to various administrative review agencies for review and comment, as required by law. The Department has reviewed this amendment, and has determined that the amendment adopted by the County Freeholders on September 18, 2003 is approved as provided in N.J.S.A. 13:1E-24.

B. Findings and Conclusions with Respect to the Camden County District Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:1E-24a(1), I have studied and reviewed the September 18, 2003 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 the amendment is consistent with the Statewide Solid Waste Management Plan. In this regard, the County Freeholders are notified of the issues of concern relative to the September 18, 2003 amendment, which are included below.

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. All agencies contacted are as follows:

- Division of Water Quality, DEP
- Division of Parks and Forestry, DEP
- Division of Fish and Wildlife, DEP
- Division of Compliance and Enforcement, DEP
- Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste, DEP
- Office of Air Quality Management, DEP
- Green Acres Program, DEP
- Land Use Regulation Element, DEP
- New Jersey Turnpike Authority
- New Jersey Advisory Council on Solid Waste Management
- New Jersey Pinelands Commission
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Health and Senior Services
- Department of Transportation
- Department of Community Affairs
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Elements of the September 18, 2003 Amendment

Background

Lorco Petroleum Services

The Lorco Petroleum Services facility will be receiving used oil filters and antifreeze. Used oil and antifreeze are considered Class D recyclable materials, as defined at N.J.A.C. 7:26A-1.3. Also, according to N.J.A.C. 7:26A-1.3, a Class D recycling center is a facility that receives, stores, processes, or transfers Class D recyclable materials. The Lorco Petroleum Services Class D recycling center will be located at the same location as Clean Venture, which was a regulated Class D recycling center for used oil that ceased operations on September 30, 2003.

Lorco Petroleum Services will receive used oil filters, which will be crushed into bricks with a shear baler. The bricks will then be sold as scrap metal. The residual used oil will be recovered and stored on-site until being transferred to Lorco's Class D recycling center in Elizabeth, Union County. Used antifreeze will be received and stored on-site, until it is also transferred to Lorco's Class D recycling center in Elizabeth. The facility will accept up to 2 tons per day of used oil filters, and antifreeze. Operating hours would be from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., 5 days per week, with baling operations conducted from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

National Paper Recycling

National Paper Recycling will receive 375 tons per day of waste paper and 40 tons per day of commingled containers. Incoming waste paper will be delivered by trucks, will be sorted, baled and then shipped to end-users. Incoming commingled containers will be loaded into transfer trailers and shipped to a commingled processing facility. Operating hours would be from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., six days per week.

Rules and Regulations

Lorco Petroleum Services will essentially be conducting a used oil transfer facility; therefore, Lorco Petroleum Services shall comply with the standards for used oil storage at transfer facilities, as set forth at N.J.A.C. 7:26A-6.6(f).

If any operation of a recycling center will discharge pollutants as defined in N.J.A.C. 7:14A et seq., said operation must secure a New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit and/or a Treatment Works Approval for pollutant discharges prior to operation.

Recycling centers are subject to the provisions of N.J.A.C. 7:27-5, "Prohibition of Air Pollution." This regulation prohibits the release of odors and other air contaminants which interfere with the enjoyment of life and property.

C. Certification of the Camden County District Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment

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 county solid waste management plans, I have reviewed the September 18, 2003 amendment to the approved County Plan and certify to the County Freeholders that the September 18, 2003 amendment is approved as further specified below.

The County Plan inclusion of the Lorco Petroleum Services Class D recycling center, located on Block 1201, Lot 1, with a street address of 1800 Carman Street, in the City of Camden; and, the National Paper Recycling Class A recycling center, located on Block 216, Lot 10, with a street address of 1531 Ferry Avenue, in the City of Camden, is approved. The Lorco Petroleum Services Class D recycling center would be allowed to accept up to 2 tons per day of used oil filters and antifreeze. The National Paper Recycling Class A recycling center will be allowed to accept up to 375 tons per day of waste paper and 40 tons per day of commingled containers.

This certification shall not be construed as an expression of the Department's intent to issue a recycling center approval to any recycling center for Class D materials. A recycling center approval, if necessary, shall only be issued where the applicant has submitted an administratively complete application, as per N.J.A.C. 7:26A-3.5, where all the substantive criteria for approval set forth in N.J.A.C. 7:26A-3.2, 3.3, and 3.4 are satisfied, where a fee has been paid in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:26A-2, and where none of the criteria for denial of a recycling center approval are met, as per N.J.A.C. 7:26A-11 and 12.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26A-4.1(a)1.iii., Class D recyclable materials may be commingled only with other Class D recyclable materials and only to the extent authorized in the Department's general approval.

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 shall 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 County 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 including waste types 10, 13, 23, 25, and 27 and all applicable subcategories and shall not apply to liquid and hazardous wastes. All nonhazardous materials separated at the point of generation for sale or reuse are subject to regulation in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:26A-1 et seq.

4. Certification to Proceed with Implementation of 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 Freeholders shall proceed with the implementation of the approved components of the amendment certified herein.

5. Definitions

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

6. Effective Date of Amendment

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

7. Reservation of Authority

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, with appendices, which includes the Department's planning guidelines, rules, regulations, orders of the Department, and also includes the compilation of individual district plans and amendments as they are approved.

E. Certification of Approval of the Amendment by the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection

In accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 13:1E-1 et seq., I hereby approve the amendment, as outlined in Section C. of this certification, to the Camden County District Solid Waste Management Plan, which was adopted by the Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders on September 18, 2003.

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Date

Joanna Dunn Samson, for
Bradley M. Campbell, Commissioner
Department of Environmental Protection