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

OF

MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

TS CERTIFICATION
OF THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2007
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 known as 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 27, 2007 adopted an amendment to its approved County Plan. The September 27, 2007 amendment proposes County Plan inclusion of the response to the Statewide Solid Waste Management Plan.

The amendment was considered administratively complete for review by the Department on October 23, 2007 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 27, 2007 is approved in part and rejected in part as provided in N.J.S.A. 13:1E-24.

On April 13, 2002 New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Bradley M. Campbell signed Administrative Order No. 2002-10, which requires, among other things, that the Department revise, update and readopt the Statewide Solid Waste Management Plan. On January 3, 2006 New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Lisa P. Jackson formally adopted the updated Statewide Solid Waste Management Plan.

The updated Statewide Solid Waste Management Plan reaffirms the state's goal of recycling 50% of the MSW stream. The overall strategy for achieving this ambitious goal starts with a quantification, on a statewide basis, of the increased tonnage of recycled materials needed. This is further calculated on a per county basis, with an analysis of current MSW recycling tonnages by county, and the necessary increases required by each county. The statewide increase needed is also expressed in terms of increased recycling tonnage by material, such as newspaper, corrugated, food waste, etc. Additionally, the plan targets specific classes of generators (schools, multi-family housing complexes, small and medium sized businesses) that need to be focused on in terms of expanded recycling opportunities for the materials identified.

The state, through this Solid Waste Management Plan update, establishes the overall policy objectives and goals for solid waste management in New Jersey. The counties and the NJMC shall have the responsibility for developing their respective district solid waste management plans consistent with the state's goals and objectives. Therefore, as noted in the State Plan, each district shall, within one year of the adoption of the Updated Statewide Solid Waste Management Plan or January 6, 2007, adopt and submit to the Department, an updated district solid waste plan. This district plan update shall demonstrate consistency with the State Plan. Further, the district plans shall reiterate the district plan requirements contained in N.J.S.A. 13:1E-21. Specifically, revised district plan updates shall include, but not be limited to the following components:

- Designation of the department, unit or committee of the county government (or district in the case of the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission) to supervise the implementation of the district plan;
- 2) An inventory of the quantity of solid waste generated within the district for the ten-year period commencing with the adoption of updated district solid waste management plan;
- 3) An inventory of all solid waste and recycling facilities (lot and block and street address) including approved waste types and amounts, hours of operation and approved truck routes;
- 4) An outline of the solid waste disposal strategy to be utilized by the district for a ten-year planning period;
- 5) A procedure for the processing of applications for inclusion of solid waste and recycling facilities within the district solid waste management plans. The procedure shall state the applicant

requirements for inclusion into the district plan and the specific county review process/procedures, including time frames for county approvals or rejections and subsequent submittals to the Department. Note- the criteria for inclusion shall not include a requirement that local zoning or planning board approval(s) be obtained as a condition for inclusion within the district solid waste management plan, nor shall such a requirement be made a condition for subsequent construction or operation of any facility;

- 6) Identify the additional tonnage of recycled materials in the MSW stream (by material commodity types) required by each county to meet the mandated MSW recycling goal, and a strategy for the attainment of the recycling goals as outlined above. The strategy shall include, as necessary:
- a) the designation of the currently mandated recyclable materials and additional materials, if any, to be source separated in the residential, commercial and institutional sectors:
- b) a listing of those entities providing recycling collection, processing and marketing services for each of the designated recyclable materials;
- c) the communication program to be utilized to inform generators of their source separation and recycling responsibilities;
- d) a comprehensive enforcement program that identifies the county and/or municipal entity(ies) responsible for enforcement of the recycling mandates, specifies the minimum number of recycling inspections that will be undertaken by these entities on an annual basis and details the penalties to be imposed for non-compliance with the municipal source-separation ordinance and county solid waste management plan. Additionally, the updated district plan shall include copies of each municipal source separation ordinance.

# B. <u>Findings and Conclusions with Respect to the Camden County District Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment</u>

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:1E-24a(1), I have studied and reviewed the September 27, 2007 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 elements relative to the September 27, 2007 amendment which are included below.

In conjunction with the review of the amendment, the Department circulated copies to seventeen 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 Solid and Hazardous Waste Program, DEP Green Acres Program, DEP
Land Use Regulation Program, DEP
Office of Local Environmental Management, DEP
Office of Air Quality Management, DEP
Bureau of Solid Waste Compliance and Enforcement, DEP
Department of Community Affairs
Department of Transportation
Department of Agriculture
Department of Health and Senior Services
New Jersey Turnpike Authority
New Jersey Advisory Council on Solid Waste Management
New Jersey Pinelands Commission
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

#### Elements of the September 27, 2007 Amendment

#### Element: Designation of County Plan Implementation Agency.

The September 27, 2007 plan amendment reaffirms the designation of the Camden County Division of Environmental Affairs as the County agency to supervise the implementation of the County Plan.

## Element: Inventory of the Quantity of Solid Waste Generated Waste Generated Within The County for the Next Ten Years

Using Camden County's projected solid waste and recycling tonnages, the total tonnages of solid waste types 10, 13, 23, 25, and 27 to be generated within the County in the years 2007 through 2016 are estimated at 531,219, 531,590, 531,961, 532,332, 532,702, 533,073, 533,444, 533,815, 534,186 and 534,557, respectively.

Element: Inventory of all solid waste and recycling facilities (lot and block and street address) including approved waste types and amounts, hours of operation and approved truck routes.

#### Solid Waste Facilities

Pollution Control Financing Authority of Camden County Landfill- This facility, located on Block 1901, Lot 5; Block 1902, Lot 1; Block 1904 Lots 1, 1.01, 2, 2.01, 2.02, 3, and 4 at 9600 River Road in the Township of Pennsauken, is included in the County Plan to accept waste types 10, 13, 13C, 23, 27, 27I, and treated regulated medical waste (classes 2 through 7). The hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

• Camden County Energy Recovery Associates Resource Recovery Facility- This facility, located on Block 614, Lots 3 and 15 at 600 Morgan Boulevard in the City of Camden, is included in the County Plan to accept waste types 10, 13,13C, 23, and 27. The hours of operation are 24 hours a day and 7 days a week.

#### **Recycling Centers**

#### Class A Facilities

- FCR Camden, L.L.C.- This facility, located on Block 614, Lot 1 at 2201 Mt. Ephraim, Bldg. 10 in the City of Camden, is included in the County Plan to accept commingled glass metal and plastic containers; newspaper; cardboard; mixed paper (junk mail, office, catalogues/magazines, etc.); single stream recycables. The hours of operation are Monday Saturday, 7:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.
- National Paper Recycling- This facility, located on Block 216, Lot 10 at 1513 Ferry Avenue in the City of Camden, is included in the County Plan to accept newspaper; mixed paper (junk mail, office, catalogues/ magazines, etc.); cardboard; glass metal and plastic containers. The hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Camden Iron and Metal- This facility, located on Block 217, Lot 9.01; Block 349, Lot 11; Block 351, Lots 2 and 8; Block 461, Lot 15 at 1500 south Sixth Street in the City of Camden, is included in the County Plan to accept scrap metal (aluminum, brass, copper, iron, steel, etc.). The hours of operation are Monday- Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Kendzierski Brothers- This facility, located on Block 556, Lots 57 and 67; Block 557, Lot 3 at 1829 Tioga Street in the City of Camden, is included in the County Plan to accept scrap metal (aluminum, brass, copper, iron, steel, etc.). The hours of operation are Monday- Friday 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Labor Day to Memorial Day).
- State Metal Industries- This facility, located on Block 231, Lot 40 at 941 south Second Street in the City of Camden, is included in the County Plan to accept scrap metal (aluminum, brass, copper, iron, steel, zinc, etc.). The hours of operation are Monday- Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- River Road Recycling- This facility, located on Block 201, Lot 9 at 450 south 37<sup>th</sup> Street in the Township of Pennsauken, is included in the County Plan to accept scrap metal (aluminum, brass, copper, iron, steel, etc.). The hours of operation are Monday- Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Wade Salvage- This facility, located on Block 40, Lot 1.02; Block 42, Lots 4, 5 and 20 at 382 Jackson Road in the Township of Waterford, is included to accept scrap metal (aluminum, brass, copper, iron, steel, etc.), auto batteries, tires.

#### Class B Facilities

- Riverfront Recycling and Aggregate, L.L.C.- This facility, located on Block 811, Lot 8; Block 812, Lots 3 and 4; Block 816, Lots 2, 3 and 7 at 1301 north 26<sup>th</sup> Street in the City of Camden, is included to accept concrete; brick; block; asphalt; soil; tree parts; stumps; untreated/unpainted wood; brush. The hours of operation for process, receive, store and transfer is 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Atco Concrete Co.- This facility, located on Block 244, Lots (portions of) 24 and 25 at 2324 Columbia Avenue in the Township of Waterford, is included in the County Plan to accept concrete; brick; block; asphalt. The hours of operation are Monday- Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- W. Hargrove Recycling, Inc.- This facility, located on Block 817, Lots 1, 1.01 and 52 at 1507 State Street in the City of Camden, is included in the County Plan to accept concrete; brick; block; asphalt. The hours of operation are Monday- Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Lower County Recycling Company- This facility, located on Block 15108, Lot 2 at 965 Hickstown Road in the Township of Gloucester, is included in the County Plan to accept concrete; brick; cinder block; asphalt; slate roofing. The hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

#### Class C Facilities

- Berlin Township Compost Facility- This facility, located on Block 1701, Lot 4 at 200 Edgewood Avenue in the Township of Berlin, is included in the County Plan to accept leaves. The hours of operation are Monday- Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Cherry Hill Compost Facility- This facility, located on Block 526.01, Lot 1 at Kresson Road in the Township of Cherry Hill, is included in the County Plan to accept leaves. The hours of operation are Monday- Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Collingswood Compost Facility- This facility, located on Block 149, Lot 1 at 1035 Harrison and Champion Avenues in the Borough of Collingswood, is included in the County Plan to accept leaves. The hours of operations are Monday- Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Gloucester Township MUA Compost Facility- This facility, located on Block 1402, Lot 3 and Block 2401, Lots 1 and 3 at 71 Landing Road in the Township of Gloucester, is included to accept vegetative waste (leaves and grass). The hours of operation are Monday- Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday (upon request) 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Pennsauken Township Compost Facility- This facility, located on Block 3701, Lot 27 at 8820 Park Avenue in the Township of Pennsauken, is included in the County Plan to accept leaves. The hours of operation are Monday- Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.
- Osage Compost Facility- This facility, located on Block 46, Lot 19 at 1200 Rural Avenue in the Township of Voorhees, is included in the County Plan to accept leaves. The hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Triboro Sand Compost Facility- This facility, located on Block 13, Lot 301 at 1236 Haddonfield-Berlin Road in the Township of Voorhees, is included in the County Plan to accept leaves. The hours of operation are Monday- Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

#### Class D Facilities

• Lynswell Technologies- This facility, located on Block 96, Lots 1 and 6 at 602 north 10<sup>th</sup> Street in the City of Camden, is included in the County Plan to accept and recycle computers/electronics. The hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

#### **New Facilities**

• R.E. Pierson Materials Corp. Class B Facility- This facility, located on Block 1703, Lot 2.01 at 371 New Brooklyn Road in the Borough of Berlin, is included in the County Plan to accept up to 1000 tons per day of concrete; brick; block and asphalt. The hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Second Chance Recycling Class B facility- This facility, located on Block 281, Lots 28, 31, 35, 35.01, 36, 36.01 at 1484 Ferry Avenue in the City of Camden, is included in the County Plan to accept up to 1000 tons per day of concrete; brick; block and asphalt. The hours of

operation are Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Department notes that the above listing of solid waste and facilities and recycling centers fails to list approved capacities for the facilities, except in the listing of new facilities. Therefore, as noted in Section C. of this certification document, Camden County is required to submit a subsequent plan amendment to address this deficiency.

#### Element: Solid Waste Disposal Strategy to be Utilized by the District for the Next Ten Years

Camden County utilizes a free market system by which waste is allowed to go to any legal solid waste facility. However, a majority of Camden County generated solid waste is disposed of at the Camden County Energy Recovery Associates Resource Recovery Facility in the City of Camden and the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Camden County Landfill in Pennsauken Township.

#### **Element: District Plan Inclusion Process**

The September 27, 2007 plan amendment details the inclusion process that includes:

- Submit Solid Waste/Recycling Facility Fact sheet and Checklist to the Division of Environmental Affairs.
- Applicant is required to make a presentation before the County's Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC).
- Based on the recommendation of SWAC, a proposed Solid Waste Plan Amendment is prepared.
- Public Hearing is scheduled before the Board of Chosen Freeholders.
- Amendments adopted by the Board are forwarded to the Department for final approval.

The Department notes that there is no mention in the September 27, 2007 amendment of the time frames for county approvals or rejections and subsequent submittals to the Department for the County Plan inclusion of a solid waste facility and/or a recycling facility. Therefore, as noted in Section C. of this certification document, Camden County is required to submit in a subsequent plan amendment a revised County Plan inclusion process for solid waste and recycling facilities which contains specific time frames for the milestones identified.

Element: Additional tonnage of recycled materials in the MSW stream (by material commodity types) required to meet the mandated MSW recycling goal, and a strategy for the attainment of the recycling goals as outlined above, including, but not limited to: a listing of designated recyclable materials; those entities providing recycling collection, processing and marketing services for each of the designated recyclable materials; the communication program to be utilized to inform generators of their source separation and recycling responsibilities, and a comprehensive enforcement program that identifies the county and/or municipal entity(ies) responsible for enforcement of recycling mandates.

In 2003, Camden County recycled 30.7% of its municipal solid waste (MSW) and 50.8% of its total solid waste (TSW). Using 2003 Department data, Camden County will have to recycle an additional 100,741 tons of MSW to reach a MSW recycling rate of 50%. Since the release of the updated Statewide Solid Waste Management Plan in early 2006, the Department has determined MSW recycling rates of 32.7% and 30.2% and TSW recycling rates of 50.8% and 45% for Camden County in 2004 and 2005, respectively.

The September 27, 2007 County Plan amendment proposes County Plan inclusion of updates to several sections of the County's recycling strategy, including continued education programs, recycling initiatives, and enhanced enforcement (which will be commented upon in further detail below). The amendment provides estimates of increased recycling tonnages which project that the county can achieve the 50% and 60% recycling goals. The Department notes that statutorily-required annual reporting of recycling tonnages by municipalities will need to be reviewed by the County and the Department to ascertain if these programs are in fact producing tonnages that will enable the County to reach the 50% and 60% recycling goals. The County is advised that, depending on those reports and the analysis of same, revisions to the recycling strategy outlined in the County Plan may be required.

## The Designated Recyclables for the residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional sectors are as follows:

- Mixed Paper (includes newspaper, magazines, junk mail, school and home office papers, etc.)
- Cardboard
- Glass Bottles and Jars
- Plastic Bottles and Jars (1 and 2 only)
- Metal Containers

- White Goods and Other Scrap Metals
- Yard Waste (includes grass clippings, leaves brush and tree parts)
- Construction and Demolition Waste (includes asphalt, concrete, brick and block and untreated wood)

# Comprehensive enforcement program that identifies the county and/or municipal entity(ies) responsible for enforcement of recycling mandates

Camden County currently employs a "three strike" procedure with respect to enforcement. While Notices of Violation and subsequent fines may be used to compel a business/institution to come into compliance, the primary goal of program is compliance through education. The first visit to a business/institution is considered a "courtesy call". During this call, the business/institution is educated as to their responsibilities with respect to recycling. They are provided with a copy of the Camden County Business Recycling Guide. The second visit is an official inspection conducted not less than two weeks after the initial courtesy call. If necessary, a third inspection is done. If the business/institution is still found to be in non-compliance, and can not prove the cause to be due to extenuating circumstances, a Notice of Violation is issued by the County Department of Health in accordance with the aforementioned interagency agreement. Subsequently, an administrative hearing is held at which time the business/institution can negotiate a settlement of the fine, while agreeing to comply with the applicable recycling regulation(s).

The County Plan inclusion of the penalty schedule for violations of the Solid Waste Management Act (Act) is rejected. The Department has recently been advised by the Office of the Attorney General that the Department should not approve county plan inclusions of penalty schedules for violations of the Act. The Act gives sole authorization for the development of civil administrative penalty schedules to the Department. However, the "County Environmental Health Act" provides a mechanism (through the adoption of "environmental health ordinances") for the adoption of penalty schedules at the county level. Additionally, the "Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act" allows for the delegation of enforcement authority (for municipal mandatory recycling ordinances) from the municipality to the county. Therefore, the County can employ the current civil administrative penalty schedule as given at N.J.A.C. 7:26-5.4 and 5.5, or the County can adopt penalty provisions through environmental health ordinances, and employ the provisions of the "Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act" to further augment their enforcement capabilities.

## 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 27, 2007 amendment to the approved County Plan and certify to the County Freeholders that the September 27, 2007 amendment is approved in part and rejected in part as further specified below.

The Department rejects the enforcement strategy based on the recent Office of the Attorney General's opinion on penalty schedules as noted in Section B. of this certification. Also noted in Section B. were several other County Plan deficiencies that must be addressed in a subsequent County Plan submission. The County must submit a County Plan amendment to address the deficiencies noted in Section B. of this certification within 180 days of the date of this approval. These deficiencies include:

- Specific timelines for the milestones identified in the County Plan inclusion process; and
- Operating capacities for all approved facilities.

The County may submit the required amendment as an administrative action, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26-6.11 et seq. Please note that the Department is requiring the County to meld the submissions in response to the requirements contained in the State Plan update, as identified above, into one unified document for the purpose of general circulation.

### 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 renegotiations.

#### 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. <u>Definitions</u>

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. <u>Certification of Approval of the Amendment by the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection</u>

In accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 13:1E-1 et seq., I hereby approve in part and reject in part 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 27, 2007.

Date

Lisa P. Jackson, Commissioner

Department of Environmental Protection