DEP Reminds Solid Waste Facilities of Their Obligation to Plan for Transportation Emergencies

Who is affected by this initiative?

Solid waste transfer stations and resource recovery facilities that ship waste or residuals offsite are affected by this initiative.

What is occurring?

Recent natural disasters, such as Hurricane Irene and the October Nor’easter have challenged New Jersey solid waste facilities to safely and timely accept, process, and transport offsite the large amount of waste and residuals generated by these events. These and other recent disasters point out the need for solid waste facilities to have up-to-date emergency plans in place.

What is DEP doing?

DEP is reminding all solid waste facilities that emergency planning is not only prudent, but required as part of a facility’s Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Manual (N.J.A.C. 7:26-2.10(b)). Solid waste facilities should have alternate transportation contracts in place in the event of another weather emergency, labor unrest, or other disruption to their primary means of moving waste from their facilities.

What should I do?

- Review your O&M manual to ensure that you have fully addressed offsite transportation and other emergency solid waste issues.
- Contract for and confirm availability of emergency transportation equipment.
- Keep current on transportation issues that may affect your ability to transport waste or residuals off-site.

Whom should I contact with questions?

During business hours:

Solid Waste Landfill questions:
New Jersey Dept. of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Landfill & Hazardous Waste Permitting
P.O. Box 420
Mail Code 401-02C
401 E. State Street
Trenton, NJ 08625-0420

Solid Waste Enforcement questions:
Duty Officer
New Jersey Dept. of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Solid Waste Enforcement
P.O. Box 420
Mail Code 09-01
9 Ewing Street, 2nd Floor
Trenton, NJ 08625-0420
Solid Waste Transfer or Resource Recovery Facility questions:

New Jersey Depart. Of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Transfer Stations and Recycling Facilities  
PO Box 420  
Mail Code 401-02C  
401 East State Street  
2nd floor  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0420  
609-292-9880

**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](http://www.nj.gov/cgi-bin/dep/contactdep.pl)  
Governor Christie’s Executive order declaring weather state of emergency:  
[http://www.state.nj.us/infobank/circular/eoindex.htm](http://www.state.nj.us/infobank/circular/eoindex.htm)  
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