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 residual materials off-site are affected by this Alert.

What is occurring?

Current weather forecasts predict severe weather conditions throughout the state including heavy rains, high winds, and flooding that may challenge New Jersey solid waste facilities to safely and timely accept, process, and transport offsite large amounts of waste and residuals. NJDEP is reminding solid waste facilities to have their emergency plans up to date and 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 weather emergencies, labor unrest, or other disruptions 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 off-site transportation and other emergency solid waste issues.
- Contract for and confirm availability of emergency transport equipment.
- Keep current on transportation issues that may affect your ability to transport waste or residuals off-site.
Who should I contact with questions?

**During Business Hours:**

Solid Waste Questions:

New Jersey Dept. of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Transfer Stations & Recycling Facilities  
P.O. Box 420  
Mail Code 401-04D  
401 E. State Street  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0420  
Phone: (609) 292-9880  
Fax: (609) 984-0565  
solidwasteemergencies@dep.state.nj.us

Solid Waste Enforcement Questions:

Duty Officer  
New Jersey Dept. of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Solid Waste Compliance & Enforcement  
P.O. Box 420  
Mail Code 09-01  
9 Ewing Street, 2nd Floor  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0420  
solidwasteemergencies@dep.state.nj.us  
Phone: (609) 292-6305  
Fax: (609) 292-4539

**Non-Business Hours:** 1-877-WARNDEP (1-877-927-6337)

Where can I get more information?


General NJDEP contact information: [http://www.nj.gov/cgi-bin/dep/contactdep.pl](http://www.nj.gov/cgi-bin/dep/contactdep.pl)

To comment on this advisory, please visit: [http://www.nj.gov/dep/enforcement/survey.html](http://www.nj.gov/dep/enforcement/survey.html)

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