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Honorable Edward J. Smith, Director
Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders
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Dear Freeholder Director Smith:

The Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste is in receipt of the January 8, 2014 amendment to the Warren County District Solid Waste Management Plan (County Plan). This amendment to the County Plan proposes County Plan inclusion of the County's direction of the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County (PCFA) to conduct the necessary studies to determine the feasibility and extent to which the Warren County District Landfill (WCDL) in the Township of White can be expanded, and the potential disposal capacity of the expansion. The amendment continues that if the studies show that an expansion is feasible, the PCFA should proceed with the steps to construct the new cell or cells. Lastly, the January 8, 2014 amendment to the County Plan also directs the PCFA to study the feasibility of conducting enhanced recycling operations for wood, metals, carpet, and other materials at the PCFA Recycling Center in the Township of White.

Although initiated as a plan amendment, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26-6.11(b)8, the inclusion of solid waste and/or recycling studies constitutes an approvable administrative action. Therefore, the portions of the subject amendment to the County Plan directing the PCFA to conduct feasibility studies for expansion of the WCDL and enhanced recycling operations at the PCFA Recycling Center in the Township of White are hereby approved pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26-6.11(f); however, the sentence "[u]nless the studies show the extent of the expansion to be less than anticipated, the PCFA should proceed with the steps to expand the landfill in accordance with the PCFA's letter of September 6, 2013" is hereby rejected.

Although the Department recognizes that properly-sited and operated landfills are an essential element of the State's solid waste management plan and thus encourages the County to take all steps to maximize the life of the WCDL, please be advised that before any expansion of the WCDL may occur, the County will have to submit to the Department a new plan amendment to the County Plan which proposes County Plan inclusion of said expansion as per N.J.A.C. 7:26-6.10. Any such County Plan amendment would need to include specific information regarding affected land parcels and proposed gains in volumetric capacity.

Lastly, this document shall not be construed as an expression of the DEP's intent to approve subsequent County Plan inclusion of or SWF Permit Modification or Renewal for any proposed expansion of the WCDL. The issuance of operating permits pursuant to the Solid Waste Management Act is limited to those applicants found by the DEP and the Attorney General of the State of New Jersey to be deserving of licensing under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 13:1E-126.

If you have any questions relative to this matter, please contact Ross M. Hull of my staff at (609) 984-5936 or by e-mail at ross.hull@dep.state.nj.us.

Sincerely,



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