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Dear Mr. Dech:

The Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste is in receipt of a request for administrative action to the Warren County District Solid Waste Management Plan (County Plan) dated May 2, 2016. The request proposes Covanta Warren Energy Resources Co., LLC (Covanta) and the New Jersey Department of Agriculture (NJDA) to conduct a Research, Development & Demonstration (RD&D) project to conduct a test burn of non-infected poultry carcasses (waste type #25) to evaluate a proposed procedure for the incineration of poultry carcasses in the event of an outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) at the Covanta facility. This test burn will take place within three weeks after all approvals are granted by the appropriate agencies. If the test burn proves that the Covanta facility could be used in the event of an emergency, Covanta and the NJDA will make an application to Warren County to include waste type #25 as a permitted waste type at the Covanta facility for incineration during an emergency in the event of an outbreak of HPAI.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26-6.11(b)13, the inclusion of an operation of a RD&D project can be accomplished via an administrative action. Therefore, the County Plan inclusion of the test burn at Covanta Warren Energy Resource Co., LLC is hereby approved as an administrative action pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26-6.11(f).

If you have any questions relative to this matter, please contact Dawn Slawsky of my staff at (609) 292-4393 or by e-mail at [dawn.slawsky@dep.nj.gov](mailto:dawn.slawsky@dep.nj.gov).

Sincerely,

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