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Dear Mr. Dech:

The Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste (DEP) is in receipt of a request for administrative action to the Warren County District Solid Waste Management Plan (County Plan) dated May 13, 2016. The request proposes a six month extension of the pilot program at Covanta Warren Energy Resource Co., LLC (Covanta) from June 30, 2016 until September 30, 2016. This project involves receiving liquid wastes (waste type 72) from various industrial facilities that currently cause upset conditions at Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) and injecting the waste into each boiler to test the limits of the current injection system to determine if it can handle additional volume, flow rates and material. The DEP originally approved Covanta to conduct this six month pilot program as a Research, Development and Demonstration (RD&D) project on January 21, 2016. Covanta reported that the pilot project did not begin until March 2016 and would need six months to collect the environmental and operational data resulting from the liquid direct injection process.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26-6.11(b)13, the extension of an operation of a RD&D project can be accomplished via an administrative action. Therefore, the County Plan inclusion of the pilot program 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.

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