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Dear Mr. Chapman:

On June 2, 2008, the Department of Environmental Protection's Solid and Hazardous Waste Program received a request for an administrative action dated May 27, 2008 to address the deficiencies that were noted in November 15, 2007 Salem County administrative action submitted in response to the Statewide Solid Waste Management Plan.

The May 27, 2008 administrative action corrects the data contained in the County Plan's Table 1, "Salem County Generation, Disposal and Recycling Rates" which outlines the timetable for achieving mandated 50% and 60% recycling goals; outlines the strategies the County will undertake to achieve the mandatory recycling goals; revises the enforcement work plan based on the strategies to achieve the mandatory recycling goals; includes the required County Plan inclusion process for solid waste and recycling facilities; and, provides greater specifics regarding the County's role in overseeing and coordinating municipal recycling efforts.

The May 27, 2008 administrative action has adequately addressed most of the issues noted in the previous County Plan submissions in regard to the Statewide Solid Waste Management Plan. However, more substantive information is required to explain how the County will achieve the mandated 50% and 60% recycling goals.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26-6.11(b) 6 & 14., the Department considers modifications to update the County's response to the Statewide Solid Waste Management Plan an approvable administration action. Therefore, this request is hereby approved in part and remanded in part as an administrative action pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26-6. 11(f). The Department approves the County Plan inclusion of the data contained in the Table 1, "Salem County Generation, Disposal and Recycling Rates" which outlines the timetable for achieving mandated 50% and 60% recycling goals; revises the enforcement work plan based on the strategies to achieve the mandatory recycling goals; includes the required County Plan inclusion process for solid waste and recycling facilities; and, provides greater specifics regarding the County's role in overseeing and coordinating municipal recycling

efforts. The Department remands to the County for further action the County Plan inclusion of the strategies the County will undertake to achieve the mandatory recycling goals pending the submission of more substantive data on how the County will achieve the required recycling goals. A subsequent submission within 90 days is required to address this deficiency. This required submission may be an administrative action pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26-6.11 et seq.

Further, the Bureau of Solid Waste Compliance and Enforcement (BSWC&E) has reviewed the June 2, 2008 request for administrative action to the County Plan and submitted comments. These comments pertain to the information contain in Table 4. – Municipal Recycling Enforcement. This table indicates that each municipality will conduct a minimum of one drive-by inspection per month (of set-out rates for all single family residential areas). The BSWC&E questions the effectiveness of this recycling enforcement effort. The BSWC&E recommends that each month, the municipal recycling coordinator will target at least one area where recycling is a concern and physically inspect containers to determine the extent of compliance with the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act and the municipal recycling ordinance. At a minimum, a warning notice should be issued to the violator for a first time offense. Additional, repetitive violators should be issued an enforcement document with penalties.

If you have any questions relative to this action, please contact Najwa N. Ali of my staff at (609) 984-9773 or email at [Najwa.Ali@dep.state.nj.us](mailto:Najwa.Ali@dep.state.nj.us).

Sincerely,

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