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Dear Ms. Williams:

On September 4, 2008, the Department of Environmental Protection's Solid and Hazardous Waste Program received a request for an administrative action dated August 29, 2008 to address the deficiencies that were noted in the July 14, 2008 Salem County administrative action submitted in response to the Statewide Solid Waste Management Plan.

The August 29, 2008 administrative action includes an outline of the strategies the County will undertake to achieve the mandatory recycling goals, and revises the enforcement work plan based on the strategies to achieve the mandatory recycling goals.

The August 29, 2008 administrative action has addressed the issues noted in the previous County Plan submissions in regard to the Statewide Solid Waste Management Plan. However, the Department considers that this may not be an adequate strategy to reach the mandatory recycling goals. The Department notes that in Table 1, "Salem County Projection of Historical Generations and Recycling Rates", a discrepancy appears in the figures used by the County to determine waste generation rates. The Department also notes that the statutorily required annual reporting of recycling tonnages by municipalities will need to be reviewed by the County and the Department to ascertain if these programs are in fact producing tonnages that will enable the County to reach the 50% and 60% recycling goals. The County is advised that, depending on those reports and the analysis of same, revisions to the recycling strategy outlined in the County Plan may be required.

Also, the Department notes that the recycling enforcement program as contained in the August 29, 2008 administrative action may not be sufficient to achieve the desired enforcement results. The Department recommends that the County review with each municipality the appropriate activities of the municipal recycling coordinator to improve recycling rates, including the identification of minimum monthly inspections.

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 as an administrative action pursuant to N.J.A.C.

7:26-6. 11(f), however, certain concerns were noted above that may require future action by the County depending upon the success of the recycling programs and enforcement actions.

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.

Sincerely,

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