



## **Solid Waste to Propose Grace Period Rule**

### **Who is affected by this initiative?**

Any person or business that generates, transports, recycles or disposes of solid waste within the State of New Jersey should be aware of this proposal.

### **What is occurring that may help me?**

The Grace Period proposal categorizes violations of the Solid Waste Rules (N.J.A.C. 7:26-1 et seq.) as either minor or non-minor. For minor violations, the proposal establishes a period during which compliance can be achieved without the threat of fines or formal enforcement action. The proposal also outlines standardized procedures for regulating solid waste by further defining the penalties for non-compliance. The proposed grace period is intended to encourage compliance and foster a greater sense of cooperation between the DEP and the regulated community.

### **How can I participate?**

There will be a stakeholder meeting from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, 2004 at the Rutgers University Eco Complex, Florence Township, Burlington County. During this meeting, representatives of the DEP will present a brief summary of the draft proposal and will answer questions from the audience. Participation after the rule is adopted is automatic. On the effective date of the rule, its provisions will be applied upon the discovery of any violations.

### **Whom should I contact with questions?**

**Bureau of Solid Waste Compliance and Enforcement**  
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### **Where can I get more information?**

The following Web sites can be accessed for additional information:

Draft Grace Period proposal: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/rules/opr/swgpruler.pdf>

Directions to the Eco Complex: <http://ecocomplex.rutgers.edu/directions.html>

Please note this advisory is intended to be a summary explanation of a department initiative. It does not include all potentially applicable requirements. If you have any questions related to compliance with this initiative, please contact the Enforcement number listed above.