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CERTIFICATION **OF THE MARCH 23, 2022** AMENDMENT TO THE BURLINGTON COUNTY DISTRICT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

BY ORDER OF THE DEPARTMENT:

A. Introduction

The New Jersey Solid Waste Management Act ("Act") (N.J.S.A. 13:1E-1 et seq.) established a comprehensive system for the management of solid waste in New Jersey. The Act designated all twenty-one (21) of the State's counties, and the Hackensack Meadowlands District, as Solid Waste Management Districts, and mandated that the Boards of County Commissioners and the Hackensack Meadowlands Development Commission (previously known as the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission, and now known as New Jersey Sports & Exposition Authority or NJSEA) develop comprehensive plans for waste management in their respective districts. On October 27, 1980, the Department of Environmental Protection ("Department" or "DEP") approved the Burlington County District Solid Waste Management Plan ("County Plan").

The Act further provides that a District may review its County Plan at any time and, if found inadequate, a new County Plan must be adopted. The Burlington County Board of County Commissioners completed such a review and on March 23, 2022 adopted an amendment to its approved County Plan.

The March 23, 2022 Amendment ("Amendment") proposes:

- (1) Amendment 22-1 to amend the County Plan to include an update to the 2009 County Plan to cover the ten-year plan from 2021- 2031 for the construction of additional landfill capacity at the Burlington County Resource Recovery Complex ("BCRRC") in Florence and Mansfield Townships (22000 Burlington-Columbus Road); and
- (2) Amendment 22-2 to include the Allied Recycling, Inc. Class A Recycling Center ("Allied") located at Block 1201, Lot 2.01 at 2658 U.S. Route 206 in Springfield Township.

The Amendment was considered complete for review by the Department on April 8, 2022 and copies were distributed to various administrative review agencies for review and comment, as required by law. The Department has reviewed this Amendment and has determined that the Amendment adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on March 23, 2022 is approved as provided in N.J.S.A. 13:1E-24.

B. <u>Findings and Conclusions with Respect to the Burlington County District Solid Waste</u> Management Plan Amendment

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:1E-24a(1), I have studied and reviewed the Amendment to the County Plan according to the objectives, criteria, and standards developed in the Statewide Solid Waste Management Plan and I find and conclude that this Amendment is consistent with the Statewide Solid Waste Management Plan. In this regard, the Board of County Commissioners are notified of the elements of the Amendment which are included below.

Elements of the March 23, 2022 Amendment

Element: Amendment 22-1: Update to the 2009 District Solid Waste Management Plan

The Amendment to the County Plan proposes inclusion of an update to the 2009 District Solid Waste Management Plan to cover the ten-year plan from 2021- 2031 for the construction of additional landfill capacity at the BCRRC in Florence and Mansfield Townships (22000 Burlington-Columbus Road). Additional landfill capacity of approximately 7.5 million cubic yards of air space will be provided through horizontal expansion of the existing landfill on a footprint of fifty acres. There will be no changes to the landfill operations in terms of traffic volume, operating hours, and waste types accepted resulting from the landfill expansion. All solid waste vehicles accessing BCRRC must utilize the mandatory access and egress routes. Vehicles must utilize Interstate I-295, exiting at Exit 52, travel east on County Route 656 (Florence-Columbus Road), turn right onto County Route 543 (Burlington-Columbus Road) and travel west to the entrance to BCRRC.

Element: Amendment 22-2: Class A Recycling Center Allied Recycling, Inc.

The Amendment to the County Plan proposes inclusion of Allied Recycling, Inc. Class A Recycling Center, located on Block 1201, Lot 2.01 at 2658 U.S. Route 206 in the Township of Springfield. The facility will accept no more than 300 tons per day of plastic, glass containers, metal cans, paper, and cardboard, for processing, storage and shipment to market. Vehicles will access and exit the site via Route 206 North or South depending on the origin of the destination.

C. Certification of the Burlington County District Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment



In accordance with N.J.S.A. 13:1E-1 et seq., specifically N.J.S.A. 13:1E-21, which establishes specific requirements regarding the contents of the district solid waste management plans, I have reviewed the Amendment to the approved County Plan and certify to the Board of County Commissioners that the Amendment is approved as further specified below.

The amending of the County Plan to update the 2009 District Solid Waste Management Plan to cover the ten-year plan from 2021- 2031 for the construction of additional landfill capacity at the BCRRC in Florence and Mansfield Townships (22000 Burlington-Columbus Road) and to include Allied located at Block 1201, Lot 2.01 at 2658 U.S. Route 206 in the Township of Springfield is approved.

D. Other Provisions Affecting the Plan Amendment

1. Certification to Proceed with Implementation of Amendment

This document shall serve as the Certification by the Department to the Board of County Commissioners and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:1E-24c and f., the Board of County Commissioners shall proceed with the implementation of the approved components of the Amendment certified herein.

2. Definitions

For the purpose of this Amendment and unless the context clearly requires a different meaning, the definitions of terms shall be the same as those found at <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 13:1E-3 and -99.12, N.J.A.C. 7:26-1.4 and -2.13, and N.J.A.C. 7:26A-1.3.

3. Effective Date of Amendment

The approved components of this Amendment shall take effect immediately.

4. Reservation of Authority

Nothing contained herein shall be construed as a limitation on any other action taken by the Department pursuant to its authority under the law. The County Plan, including any amendment made thereto, shall conform to the Statewide Solid Waste Management Plan, with appendices, which includes the Department's planning guidelines, rules, regulations, orders of the Department, and includes the compilation of individual county plans and amendments as they are approved.



E. Certification of Approval of the Amendment by the Department of Environmental Protection

In accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 13:1E-1 et seq., I hereby approve the Amendment, as outlined in Section C. of this Certification, to the Burlington County Plan which was adopted by the Burlington County Board of County Commissioners on March 23, 2022.

Janine MacGregor Director

