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Dear Mr. Collins:

On June 19, 2008, the Department of Environmental Protection's (Department) Solid and Hazardous Waste Program received the June 17, 2008 Mercer County administrative action to amend the Mercer County Solid Waste Management Plan (County Plan). The June 17, 2008 administrative action was developed in response to the June 17, 2007 certification by the Department of the December 21, 2006 County Plan amendment which responded to the requirements of the updated Statewide Solid Waste Management Plan.

The December 21, 2006 certification noted areas in the County Plan that needed further attention. These areas were: truck routes to solid waste facilities located within the county; approved waste types, amounts, and hours of operation for all facilities; the county plan inclusion process for solid waste and recycling facilities; MCIA's contract with Magnus Environmental Corporation; the omission of the listing of designated recyclable paper in the "Form of Municipal Recycling Ordinance", contained in the Appendix D, "Draft Recycling Ordinance".

The June 19, 2008 administrative action has addressed the issues noted in the December 21, 2006 certification, however certain issues need to be further addressed. The county plan inclusion process for solid waste and recycling facilities needs to be further delineated. A subsequent submission within 180 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.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26-6.11(b) 2 & 14, the Department considers modifications to the updated response to the Statewide Solid Waste Management Act 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: truck routes to solid waste facilities located within the county; approved waste types, amounts, and hours of operation for all facilities; MCIA's renewed contract with Magnus Environmental Corporation; the corrected listing of designated recyclable paper in the "Form of Municipal Recycling Ordinance", contained in the Appendix D, "Draft Recycling Ordinance". The Department remands

the county plan inclusion process for solid waste and recycling facilities for further action by the County as noted above.

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,

Guy Watson, Chief Bureau of Recycling and Planning