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> Allan C. Collins, Deputy Executive Director Mercer County Improvement Authority 80 Hamilton Avenue- 2nd floor Trenton, New Jersey 08611

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Dear Mr. Collins:

The Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste is in receipt of the August 19, 2015 request for an administrative action. This administrative action proposes to include in the Mercer County Solid Waste Management Plan (County Plan) a Research, Design and Development (RD&D) project to be conducted by Trenton Biogas, LLC at the Mercer County Transfer Station located at 1609 North Olden Avenue, Block 13, Lots 3, 10, 16, 17 and 37 in Ewing Township, Mercer County. Specifically, Trenton Biogas, LLC plans to process municipal solid waste through a mobile food waste de-packing machine to create organic slurry capable of being utilized in an anaerobic digestion process. MCIA requests an extension to the RD&D project, by requesting a one year extension of the Certificate of Authority to Operate (CAO) in order to collect sufficient data to support commercialization of the process relating to anaerobic digestion.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26-6.11(b) 13., the inclusion of the operation of a RD&D project pursuant N.J.A.C. 7:26-1.7 constitutes 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).

Please be advised that this approval of an administrative action to the County Plan shall not be construed as an expression of the Department's intent to issue a permit modification to the subject facility for the above noted operational changes.

If you have any questions relative to this action, please contact Joanne McClendon of my staff at (609) 292-2125 or email at <u>Joanne.mcclendon@dep.nj.gov</u>.

Sincerely, Edward Medewodin

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