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Dear Mr. Collins:

On December 4, 2009, the Department of Environmental Protection's (Department) Solid and Hazardous Waste Program received a letter detailing the results of the Mercer County Improvement Authority's (MCIA) evaluation of the issues raised in the October 5, 2009 administrative action modification.

The Department of Environmental Protection's (Department's or DEP) Solid and Hazardous Waste Program received an August 20, 2009 request for an administrative action to include in the Mercer County District Solid Waste Management Plan (County Plan) a Class A recycling facility to be owned and operated by F&M Holdings, LLC (F&M). The proposed Class A recycling facility will be located at 500 Breunig Avenue on Block 22901, Lot 5, in the City of Trenton and accept up to 700 tons per day of newspapers, cardboard, magazines, mixed paper, plastic, tin and bi-metal, aluminum and glass containers.

On October 5, 2009, the Department issued a modification of this administrative action which noted certain traffic issues that needed further examination. Therefore, the Mercer County Improvement Authority (MCIA) was required to further evaluate the traffic issues raised by the Department. Also, the MCIA was directed to meet with representatives of the DEP, F&M, the City of Trenton and the Eyes of Trenton Civic Association regarding potential traffic mitigation measures.

On October 26, 2009, a meeting was held with DEP, the City of Trenton, F&M Holdings Inc., and the Eyes of Trenton Civic Association regarding the above referenced traffic mitigation topic. As a result of the meeting, F&M Holdings proposed to route all traffic to and from its facility onto Enterprise Avenue via Plum Street.

Further, the MCIA was directed by the Department to submit a report detailing the results of the evaluation of the traffic issues noted in the October 5, 2009 administrative action modification. The MCIA contracted with Horner & Canter Associates, a transportation and traffic consulting firm, to perform a traffic engineering assessment study which was subsequently submitted to MCIA on

October 27, 2009. A copy of the traffic impact study was submitted on December 4, 2009 for the Department's review.

Based upon the traffic impact study, F&M will generate about 85 peak hour trips dispersed to Enterprise Avenue via Plum Street. It was found that the intersection of Enterprise Avenue and Plum Street has excess capacity to accommodate the site traffic with LOS B delays being maintained.

The Department determines that the information submitted and the action taken by the County has sufficiently addressed the concerns noted in the October 5, 2009 modification of the August 20, 2009 administrative action.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26-6.11 (b) 3, the County Plan inclusion of a Class A recycling facility can be accomplished via an administrative action. Therefore, this administrative action is hereby approved pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26-6.11(f).

If you have any questions relative to this action, please contact Najwa N. Ali of my staff at (609) 984-9773 or at najwa.ali@dep.state.nj.us.

Sincerely,

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