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Dear Mr. Agliata:

The Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Sustainable Waste Management, Bureau of Planning & Licensing is in receipt of a request for administrative action to the Ocean County District Solid Waste Management Plan (County Plan) dated June 15, 2022. This amendment to the County Plan proposes County Plan inclusion of a research, development, and demonstration (RD&D) project at the Ocean County Fire Academy Training Center (OCFA) located at 200 Volunteer Way, Block 41, Lot 41 in Waretown, for a one (1) year period beginning on the date the RD&D is approved by the Bureau of Recycling and Hazardous Waste Management. If, at the end of the one year of operation, OCFA can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Department that a longer time-period is required to adequately access long term environmental impacts and operational effects of the technology or process being evaluated, Ocean County may then request an administrative action to the County Plan for the extension of the RD&D.

This project proposes a controlled enclosed burning of resident-surrendered boat flares to be organized and operated by the Ocean County Department of Solid Waste Management and the Ocean County Fire Marshall's Office. The project is to safely mange and responsibly dispose of expired explosive boat flares from Ocean County residents. Burning of flares will take place following a County-run collection event, Both collection and burning will be held at OCFA.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26-6.11(b)13, the inclusion of an operation of a RD&D project can be accomplished via an administrative action. Therefore, the County Plan inclusion of the RD&D project at OCFA is hereby approved as an administrative action pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26-6.11(f).

If you have any questions relative to this action, please contact Joanne McClendon of my staff by email at Joanne.mcclendon@dep.nj.gov.

Seth Hackman, Bureau Chief

Sincerely

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