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Sussex County Administrative Center
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Dear Ms. Sylvester:

The Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste (Department) is in receipt of a request for Administrative Action to the Sussex County District Solid Waste Management Plan (County Plan) dated October 6, 2020. The request proposes a Research, Development, and Demonstration (RD&D) project for Ag Choice, LLC located at 93 Brighton Road (Block 163, Lot 2) in the Township of Andover. This project proposes utilizing two methods of open-air composting to convert waste products into a beneficial nutrient-rich soil amendment. The waste products that Ag Choice LLC's research will focus on will be composting mortalities, butcher/manufacturing meat wastes, and other food wastes. Mortalities will include roadkill, wildlife management culls, and deadstock. Food waste will include pre- and post-consumer food waste, liquids, and butcher waste.

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 Ag Choice, LLC is hereby approved as an Administrative action pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26-6.11(f).

The Department hereby grants this Administrative Action for a one (1) year period from the above date. If, at the end of the one year of operation, Ag Choice, LLC can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Department that a longer time period is required to adequately assess long term environmental impacts and operational effects of the technology or process being evaluated, Sussex County may then request an Administrative Action to the County Plan for the extension of the RD&D in one (1) year increments.

Should the RD&D approval not be issued during the one (1) year effective period of this Administrative Action, or should the RD&D approval subsequently expire, this Administrative Action shall expire concurrent with the expiration of the RD&D approval.