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Commissioner

February 4, 2019

Re:

Invitation to Participate in Stakeholder Meeting to Amend N.J.A.C. 7:26A-1.4

Specifically, Exemption Numbers 1, 2, 7, and 20

1<sup>st</sup> Floor Public Hearing Room

401 East State Street Trenton, NJ 08625-0420

## Dear Stakeholders:

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is developing amendments to the Recycling Rules at N.J.A.C. 7:26A-1.4 and would like to formally invite you to a stakeholder meeting to discuss the requirements associated with activities exempt from the requirement to obtain a general or limited approval to operate a recycling center. The Department's considered amendments include, but are not limited to: storage, processing, and transfer requirements.

The meeting is planned for 9:00 A.M.- 12:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 14, 2019 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Public Hearing Room in the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Building, 401 East State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08625. The main purpose of this meeting will be to describe the proposed path forward and to solicit your input regarding changes to existing requirements. The Department anticipates that it will hold one more meeting of a similar nature in the spring of 2019 to discuss the remaining exemptions that are not covered in the February 14, 2019 stakeholder meeting or prior meetings.

External stakeholders representing a variety of entities are being invited to participate. Invitees include experts representing the asphalt manufacturing, pallet manufacturing, and demolition industries, as well as local and county recycling officials and the Association of New Jersey Recyclers (ANJR).

If you know any individual or organization that has an interest in these exemption(s), please direct them to contact the Department as soon as possible to receive a formal invitation.

Those not participating directly can follow the progress of these efforts via updates from the DEP's stakeholder website (<a href="https://www.nj.gov/dep/workgroups/index.html">https://www.nj.gov/dep/workgroups/index.html</a>). Summaries of the topics covered at the meeting and relevant information will be made available following the meetings on that website.

In accordance with the New Jersey Administrative Procedure Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 through 21 (P.L. 1995, c. 65), following proposals of the rule changes, formal comments on the rules can be made by anyone during the announced comment period. This will allow active participation by anyone who chooses to do so inclusive of those not invited to participate in the present external stakeholder effort.

The tentative agenda of the meeting will be as follows:

## **Meeting Purpose:**

- **❖** Exemption #1: Asphalt manufacturing plants
- ❖ Exemption #2: On-site recycling
- Exemption #7: Class B material transitory storage
- ❖ Exemption #20: Class B material on-site generation

Please RSVP to Michael Trocchia at <u>michael.trocchia@dep.nj.gov</u> and cc Ashia McRae at Ashia.McRae@dep.nj.gov by Monday, February 11, 2019.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Trocchia at (609) 984-6606.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Karen Kloo, Chief

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