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April 3, 2019

Re: Invitation to Participate in Stakeholder Meeting to Amend N.J.A.C. 7:26A-1.4
Specifically, Exemption Numbers 13, 18, 21, 23, and New In-Vessel Composting
Exemption
1st Floor Public Hearing Room
401 East State Street
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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 Tuesday, April 30, 2019 in the 1st 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.

External stakeholders representing a variety of entities are being invited to participate. Invitees include experts representing Class B and C recycling facilities, composting facilities, the agricultural industry, colleges, and universities, as well as local and county recycling officials and solid waste management officials.

If you know any individual or organization that has an interest in these exemption(s), including the food waste recycling sector, 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 (<https://www.nj.gov/dep/workgroups/index.html>). 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 proposal 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 #13: Yard Trimmings for Composting
- ❖ Exemption #18: On-Site Yard Trimmings for Composting
- ❖ Exemption #21: Class C Recycling
- ❖ Exemption #23: Farm Feedstock Recycling on Farms
- ❖ NEW Exemption: In-Vessel Composting

Please RSVP to Michael Trocchia at Michael.Trocchia@dep.nj.gov and copy Ashia McRae at Ashia.McRae@dep.nj.gov by Tuesday, April 23, 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
Bureau of Recycling and Hazardous Waste Management