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Notice of Receipt of Petition for Rulemaking

Recycling; Activities Exempt from General or Limited Approval

N.J.A.C. 7:26A-1.4

Petitioner: Planting Seeds of HOPE.

Take notice that on July 3, 2018, the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) received a petition for rulemaking from Planting Seeds of HOPE (petitioner), a non-profit organization that focuses its work on community development, urban agriculture, and access to healthy and nutritious foods. Petitioner contends that the Department's existing rules do not allow members of a community garden to compost food waste generated outside the boundaries of a community garden at the community garden without prior general or limited approval from the Department. Petitioner requests that the Department amend its recycling rules at N.J.A.C. 7:26A-1.4 to exempt composting activities conducted at a community garden from the requirement to obtain a general or limited approval from the Department pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26A-3. Petitioner also requests that these activities be exempted from the fee for inspection of exempt composting facilities and the tonnage reporting requirement set forth at N.J.A.C. 7:26A-2.1(c) and 4.4(b), respectively.

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In accordance with N.J.A.C. 1:30-4.2, the Department will subsequently mail to the petitioner and file with the Office of Administrative Law a notice of action on the petition.