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November 10, 2021

Re: NJDEP Invitation to Participate in Stakeholder Meeting to Amend N.J.A.C. 7:26A-1.1 and N.J.A.C.7:26A-1.4: Stakeholder Presentation #7

Specifically, Exemptions for Food Waste Composting and Transfer, Anaerobic Digesters and Demonstration Projects

Microsoft Teams Meeting Platform- (*Direct Link: <u>https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MjA3ZDdjMmItMmU1Ny00MzlkLWJj0DYtYjhhNzFiMGNjY2Vi%4</u> <u>0thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%225076c3d1-3802-4b9f-b36a-e0a41bd642a7%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22b67e8a9e-cc04-48c2-8257-9f4c11b142d0%22%7d</u>)*

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 that exempt certain activities from the requirement to obtain a general or limited approval to operate a recycling center and would like to formally invite you to a stakeholder meeting to discuss the proposed amendments. The Department's considered amendments include, but are not limited to: storage, processing, and transfer requirements.

If you are unable to attend, you may still provide comments, suggestions, or concerns via email and we will consider those during the rule making process. We have summarized feedback received during the previous stakeholder meetings for your information which is available at NJDEP | Stakeholder Meeting Schedule | Archived Events.

The stakeholder meeting is planned for 1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. on Thursday, December 2nd, 2021, and will be conducted on Microsoft Teams virtual meeting software. A presentation direct-URL has been provided in the email sent out to all participants in the meeting. The meeting can be accessed by clicking <u>here</u> or by entering the above URL in your internet browser and opening the Microsoft Teams Software.

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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, and college 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), 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 (<u>https://www.nj.gov/dep/workgroups/index.html</u>). Summaries of the topics covered at the meeting and relevant information will be made available following the meetings on that website.

Please RSVP to Aaron Varughese at <u>Aaron.Varughese@dep.nj.gov</u> and copy Ashia McRae at <u>Ashia.McRae@dep.nj.gov</u> by November 26, 2021.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Varughese at (609) 292-9203 or Ms. McRae at (609) 984-3438.

Sincerely,

Karen Kloo, Chief Bureau of Recycling & Hazardous Waste Management.

Enclosures:

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