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Re: Increasing New Jersey's Recycling Rate

Dear New Jersey Business Owner/Operator,

This year marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the enactment of the New Jersey Statewide Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, which made New Jersey the first state in the country to require residential, commercial and institutional recycling.<sup>1</sup> Over the past 30 years, New Jersey has made significant progress in reaching the goal set in the Recycling Act of recycling 50 percent of municipal solid waste, but we are not yet there. With your help, we believe we can reach – and surpass – that goal.

Specifically, regarding recycling, New Jersey businesses are required (in part) to:

- Keep all materials designated for source separation (i.e., separation of recyclable materials from trash at the point of generation), in the municipal recycling ordinance, stored separately from solid waste (7:26A-10.2);
- Place these specified recyclable materials for collection in the manner provided by the ordinance (7:26A-10.2), and;
- Commercial and institutional generators including multifamily housing owners or their agents must report the tonnage of designated recyclable materials collected for recycling from their premises, as directed in the municipal recycling ordinance (7:26A-10.3).

Failure to comply with the above is a violation of your local recycling ordinance and State Solid Waste Regulations and may result in a \$3000.00 fine.

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<sup>1</sup> N.J.S.A. 13:1E-99.11 et seq., which was signed into law in 1987 and which has been codified into rules (in part) at N.J.A.C. 7:26A-11.1. Hereinafter applicable requirements from N.J.S.A. 13:1E-99.11 and N.J.A.C. 7:26A-11.1 are collectively referred to as 'requirements'. Please see statute and rules for all requirements.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) encourages each business to work closely with their respective municipal recycling coordinator in this effort. Such efforts may include joining up with county-wide recycling programs.

DEP requests your assistance in increasing New Jersey's recycling rate by complying with your local recycling requirements, source separating mandated recyclable materials and providing recycling tonnage information for your business to your municipal recycling coordinator.

Should you have any questions regarding this information, please contact your municipal recycling coordinator, listed at:

[http://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/recycling/recycling\\_coordinators.pdf](http://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/recycling/recycling_coordinators.pdf)

Thank you for your attention and efforts to assist New Jersey in increasing the rate of recycling in our State. Together, we can reach our goal.

Sincerely,



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