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Anthony M. Agliata, Director Ocean County Department of Solid Waste Management 129 Hooper Avenue P.O. Box 2191 Toms River, New Jersey 08754-2191

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Dear Mr. Agliata:

The Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Sustainable Waste Management, Bureau of Planning & Licensing is in receipt of a request for administrative action to the Ocean County District Solid Waste Management Plan (County Plan) dated June 15, 2022. This amendment to the County Plan proposes County Plan inclusion of a research, development, and demonstration (RD&D) project at the Ocean County Fire Academy Training Center (OCFA) located at 200 Volunteer Way, Block 41, Lot 41 in Waretown, for a one (1) year period beginning on the date the RD&D is approved by the Bureau of Recycling and Hazardous Waste Management. If, at the end of the one year of operation, OCFA can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Department that a longer time-period is required to adequately access long term environmental impacts and operational effects of the technology or process being evaluated, Ocean County may then request an administrative action to the County Plan for the extension of the RD&D.

This project proposes a controlled enclosed burning of resident-surrendered boat flares to be organized and operated by the Ocean County Department of Solid Waste Management and the Ocean County Fire Marshall's Office. The project is to safely mange and responsibly dispose of expired explosive boat flares from Ocean County residents. Burning of flares will take place following a County-run collection event. Both collection and burning will be held at OCFA.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26-6.11(b)13, the inclusion of an operation of a RD&D project can be accomplished via an administrative action. Therefore, the County Plan inclusion of the RD&D project at OCFA is hereby approved as an administrative action pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26-6.11(f).

If you have any questions relative to this action, please contact Joanne McClendon of my staff by email at Joanne.mcclendon@dep.nj.gov.

Seth Hackman, Bureau Chief Bureau of Planning & Licensing

Sincerely

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June 15, 2022

Jill Aspinwall, Section Chief NJDEP Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste Bureau of Solid Waste Planning and Licensing PO Box 420 Mail Code 401-02C 401 East State Street Trenton, N.J. 08625-0420

Dear Ms. Aspinwall:

The County is applying for a RD&D permit in order to coordinate a disposal plan for explosive visual distress signals ("boat flares"). This project proposes a controlled enclosed burning of resident-surrendered boat flares to be organized and operated by the Ocean County Department of Solid Waste Management and the Ocean County Fire Marshal's Office. Burning of flares will take place following a County-run collection event; both collection and burning will be held at the Ocean County Training Center, located at 200 Volunteer Way in Waretown, NJ (Block 41, Lot 41). I have attached the RD&D project proposal for your review.

The County hereby includes the proposed Disposal Plan For Explosive Visual Distress Signals (Boat Flares) RD&D project within the Ocean County District Solid Waste Management Plan as an Administrative Action, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26-6.11(b)13.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Anthony M Agliata

Director, Solid Waste Management

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cc: Brian Gabriel, Director, Ocean County Training Center (via email)
David Heber, P.E., Senior Project Manager, Mott MacDonald (via email)

