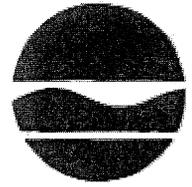


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Mr. Harry Szarpanski, P.E.
Assistant Commissioner
New York City Department of Sanitation
Bureau of Long-Term Export
44 Beaver Street, 12th Floor
New York, New York 10004

Dear Mr. Szarpanski:

Re: New York City Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan

On September 25, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (Department) received for review and approval the City of New York's (City) Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) entitled, "Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan," dated September 2006. This plan, which modified the City's previously approved 1992 plan, was approved for submission to the Department on July 19 by a resolution of the City Council. The City, a planning unit within the definition of 6 NYCRR Subdivision 360-15.2(d), adopted the plan as reflected in a letter to Department Commissioner Sheehan from Deputy Mayor Skyler, dated July 27.

The City Department of Sanitation determined that an Environmental Impact Statement was necessary for adoption of this plan and in April 2005, as lead agency, issued a Final Environmental Impact Statement and Findings Statement in accordance with 6 NYCRR Subdivision 617.10(d).

The City's SWMP sets an unprecedented vision for the future of the City's solid waste management. The plan reinforces the State's commitment to sustaining and managing our resources, environment and economic competitiveness by placing emphasis on waste reduction and recycling, while providing an equitable waste management infrastructure where the needs of its residents, businesses and industry are met.

The Department has determined that the City's SWMP conforms with the required elements of such plans as set forth in Section 27-0107.1 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law. Accordingly, the City's SWMP is hereby approved.

Please note that any proposed modifications to the approved SWMP, and approved modifications thereto, must be submitted to this Department for prior approval, pursuant to 6 NYCRR Section 360-15.11.

In addition, compliance reports must be submitted to this Department pursuant to 6 NYCRR Section 360-15.12, which requires planning units with approved solid waste management plans to submit reports displaying compliance with the action items and schedules contained in the plan. The first compliance report must be submitted no later than March 1, 2009, and subsequent reports no later than March 1 every two years thereafter.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Stephen Hammond, Director, Division of Solid & Hazardous Materials, at 518-402-8651, or Louis Oliva, Acting Regional Director, Region 2, at 718-482-4961.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carl Johnson', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Carl Johnson
Deputy Commissioner