



## Solid Waste Plan To Be Modified

On May 13, 1980 the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) certified the Morris County Solid Waste Management Plan subject to the completion of several modifications by December 31, 1980. There are in essence eleven modifications required by DEP. These are:

- **Waste Flow Diagram** which shows the existing and proposed flow of solid waste for the ten year planning period from each municipality to a specific processing and/or disposal facility.
- **Schedule** for the completion of in-depth studies necessary for resource recovery and an indication of who will undertake the study, how much they will cost, and how they will be funded.
- **Plan** for the use of each terminated landfill within Morris County.
- **More Comprehensive** program for implementing source separation and recycling programs.
- **Detailed Procedure** for uniform distribution of resource recovery and disposal costs throughout the County. This shall include procedures for the uniform distribution of costs necessary to upgrade existing disposal facilities to meet environmental regulations.

The Morris County Solid Waste Advisory Council is presently in the process of completing the plan modifications for submission to the Board of Chosen Freeholders. A public hearing will be scheduled to take comment on these modifications at the Board of Chosen Freeholders' meeting at a date to be announced. Written and/or oral testimony will be received at this time. Copies of the Draft Modifications will be sent to the mayors of each municipality in Morris County. In addition, the Draft Modifications will be available for review in the offices of the Morris County Planning Board and in every public library in the County.

- **Interdistrict Agreements** with Essex and Union Counties and Hunterdon, Sussex, Warren, Somerset and Passaic Counties, if necessary. These agreements should set forth the necessary procedures for coordinating and integrating the collection, transport, recovery and disposal services and set forth the specific responsibilities of each district.
- **A Ten year Inventory of Solid Waste** by source, type, composition and quantity.

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## Solid Waste Conference Held

A larger than expected audience of over 200 interested persons representing all viewpoints attended a Solid Waste Management Conference on September 15, at the Forsgate Country Club in Jamesburg.

The meeting, entitled "The Public-Private Partnership: Solid Waste Management for New Jersey in the 1980's," was sponsored by the Solid Waste Unit of the New Jersey Association of Counties, chaired by Morris County Freeholder Leanna Brown.

The group was addressed by a number of State officials, headed by Daniel O'Hern, Chief Counsel to the Governor and former DEP Commissioner and included Deputy Attorney General Nathan Edelstein and DEP Deputy Commissioner Paul Arbesman. Mary Sheil from the New Jersey Office of Recycling presented her program for source separation. A number of representatives of county solid waste organizations and industrial firms participated.

Very briefly, the major points stressed were:

- Recycling efforts will be stepped up greatly with an assist from the State.
- Resource recovery systems are still in the future, but further off than was supposed a couple of years ago. It is estimated that it will take about three years between the decision to proceed with an RR system and the start of construction to arrange for financing, control of the solid waste input and energy output.
- Meanwhile, (and even thereafter) landfills will be an absolute necessity. It would appear that the State DEP now realizes that their landfill closing crusade of the last several years may have been unwise.

## Solid Waste Advisory Council

The Morris County Solid Waste Advisory Council holds its regular meetings the third Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Freeholders' Conference Room of the County Administration Building. The public is encouraged to attend. Any person wishing to discuss a relevant aspect of solid waste management/planning should contact the County's solid waste coordinator for an opportunity to influence the planned agenda for the meeting.

## Used Oil Recycling

On September 1, 1980 the N.J. Department of Energy issued regulations which require that persons who change their own motor and lubricating oils return it to a used oil collection site. Used oil collection sites are: service stations, re-inspection stations and oil retailers, if storage containers already exist on their premises. These sites are required to accept up to five gallons of used oil per day from any person.

Oil retailers are required to post a sign indicating how and where used oil can be properly disposed of, including a list of at least one conveniently located collection site. All operators of collection sites must post a sign to inform the public that the facility is a collection site for the disposal of used oil.

For more information, telephone the Energy Information Line at 800-492-4242.

## New Solid Waste Coordinator Appointed

The Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders has appointed Kenneth G. Gallagher as Solid Waste Coordinator, starting May 19, 1980. Since being named to the post, Mr. Gallagher has pursued completion of the State-mandated modifications to the Solid Waste Management Plan and provided technical assistance to local officials and recycling groups.

Mr. Gallagher has a Master of City and Regional Planning degree from Rutgers University, where he specialized in environmental planning. He had been associated with the Environmental Assessment Council, Inc. as a planner and most recently was a Research Associate at the Center for Coastal and Environmental Studies of Rutgers University. While at the Center he co-authored a report entitled "OCS Natural Gas Pipelines: An Analysis of Routing Issues" prepared for the New Jersey Department of Energy.



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## Recycling News

The Morris County Solid Waste Management Plan recommends that solid waste be managed, to the most practical extent, at the local level. As a means of reducing municipal waste volume and reclaiming materials for further use, serious consideration should be given to separating waste, to the maximum practical level, at the source where it is generated.

The major reasons for this recommendation are as follows:

- Landfill space in Morris County is rapidly being depleted.
- Public acceptance of new or expanded landfills is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain.
- Reclaimed materials can serve as input in the manufacture of new products with the expenditure of less energy than would be required if virgin raw materials were used.
- Municipalities can experience a net revenue gain through the sale of recycled materials and savings in disposal and transportation costs.

A report by the State Advisory Committee on Recycling was issued in September 1980. The Committee proposes a five-year program to increase recycling of paper, glass and metal as well as food wastes, tires, yard wastes, and motor oil. The goal of this program is to increase the amount of recycled paper, glass, and metal cans from 0.5 million tons in 1980 to 1.3 million tons by 1986.

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- **A Strategy** for increasing the efficiency of collection in the County. Also a timetable for undertaking an analysis of industrial waste generation, composition and transportation should be developed.
- **Resource Recovery** - The Plan shall analyze and identify components of the waste stream to be recovered via high and low technology.
- **Public Participation** - Identification of processes for keeping the public informed, for the receipt, evaluation and consideration of public comment throughout the implementation phase of the Solid Waste Management Plan.
- **Landfills** - An analysis of the necessary environmental improvements to landfills located in Morris County.