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DIRECTOR

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VIA EMAIL

Dear Honorable County Commissioner/Executive:

SUBJECT: Materials Management Planning

Michigan's Solid Waste Program has been updated with the passage of significant amendments to Part 115, Solid Waste Management, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, that became effective on March 29, 2023. The amendments require that existing county Solid Waste Management Plans be replaced with new Materials Management Plans (MMP) that focus on sustainable materials management approaches, such as recycling and composting, instead of just landfilling waste.

In accordance with Part 115, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) is initiating the materials management planning process as of January 8, 2024.

Counties, boards of commissioners, or elected executives are given the first opportunity to assume authority over MMP development and implementation. If the county accepts this authority, they are required to consult with adjacent counties about the option of preparing a multicounty plan and submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an MMP **within 180 days of the date that the EGLE Director initiates the process**. If the county declines this authority, they must advise all the municipalities in the county and the regional planning agency of their decision. The regional planning agency or all of the municipalities, acting jointly, may assume planning responsibilities if the county declines. If the county, municipalities, and regional planning agency all decline the responsibility to prepare the plan, EGLE may prepare the MMP.

The NOI to prepare the MMP will be submitted via an online platform. The link to the submission platform can be found on the Materials Management Planning website at: www.Michigan.gov/EGLEMMP or directly at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EGLENOI>. Completion of the NOI submittal will include documentation, by resolution or similar mechanism, from the entity accepting planning responsibilities; documentation of consultations with adjacent counties; and if pursuing a multicounty plan, an executed interlocal agreement. Submittal of the NOI begins the three-year timeframe for MMP development and approval.

Materials management planning will be the foundation of a more sustainable materials management framework in Michigan. To assist with this transition, grants will be available to every county for developing and implementing the MMP, with additional

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funds available for multicounty planning areas. Please visit the Materials Management Planning website at www.Michigan.gov/EGLEMMP to find guidance, resources, and grant information. Questions can be directed to planning staff at EGLE-MMP@Michigan.gov.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. We look forward to working with your community. If you need further information, please contact Christina Miller, Materials Management Planning Specialist, Sustainable Materials Management Unit, Solid Waste Section, Materials Management Division (MMD), at 517-614-7426; MillerC1@Michigan.gov; or EGLE, MMD, P.O. Box 30241, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7741.

Sincerely,



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