

July 26, 2010

To: County Recycling Coordinators  
ANJR Members

Subject: 2010 Recycling Tonnage Grants (for 2008 reports).

With the passage of the “Recycling Enhancement Act” in 2008, and the reestablishment of the Recycling Fund effectuated through the Act, the total amount of money distributed statewide for recycling tonnage grants increased significantly from historical levels. In fact, the statewide distribution in 2009 was \$14.5 million, whereas in 2007 it was just \$3.8 million.

As you may be aware, based on estimates of anticipated revenues to be received from the surcharge, and the statutory formula that dictates that no less than 60% of the annual Fund balance be made available for the tonnage grants, the Department has previously determined that approximately \$14 million would be available each year for this purpose. As you also may be aware, when the Act was approved, a loan of \$8 million was made from the State General Fund to the Recycling Fund, which was to be paid back in eight installments of \$1 million each.

For the current state budget, language was adopted that repays the loan in its entirety. Therefore, the current balance in the Recycling Fund available for tonnage grants is approximately \$9.3 million. However, it is anticipated that once the April-June 2010 surcharge receipts are credited to the Fund by Treasury, an additional \$3 million may be available for tonnage grants.

Based on the above, the Department is proposing to wait until these receipts are credited to the Fund (within 4-6 weeks) before generating the invoices from which Treasury distributes the grants. By waiting, we believe the 2010 statewide grant total will be as much as 85% of the 2009 total.

We appreciate your patience in this matter, and welcome any comments you may have on this. Please contact me at [Guy.Watson@dep.state.nj.us](mailto:Guy.Watson@dep.state.nj.us) with comments.

Sincerely,

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