

N.J.'s DEP to provide \$14.5 million in grants for recycling

Nov. 17 -- The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection will provide municipalities and counties a record \$14.5 million in grants in 2009 to boost local recycling efforts, acting DEP Commissioner Mark N. Mauriello said Nov. 16.

The \$14.5 million in recycling tonnage grants is nearly payout in 2008 when \$8 million was awarded.

The individual grant awards for this year are based on the amount of materials municipalities and counties recycled in 2007, the year before the Recycling Enhancement Act took effect. The act added a \$3 per ton surcharge for solid waste disposal at landfills to make the grant funds available.

A list of grant awarded to local governments is available at www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/recycling/stats.htm

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