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## Order of the Commissioner Concerning the General Permit for the Construction and Operation of a Commercial Facility for the Management of Recyclable Materials and Certain Solid Wastes

Governor Ned Lamont's Executive Order 7M, dated March 25, 2020, issued in furtherance of his declaration of a public health emergency and a civil preparedness emergency as a result of the COVID-19 emergency and the extension of said executive order by Executive Order 9A issued on September 8, 2020 and the subsequent extension by Executive Order 9L issued on November 9, 2020, authorized me, by order, to extend deadlines associated with permits issued by me for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days.

In accordance with the aforementioned authority, I hereby extend the expiration date of the General Permit for the Construction and Operation of a Commercial Facility for the Management of Recyclable Materials and Certain Solid Wastes (Commercial GP) for 90 days. This extension is retroactive to February 2, 2021, making May 3, 2021 the new expiration date of the Commercial GP.

Governor Lamont's declaration of a public health emergency and a civil preparedness emergency which was first issued on March 10, 2020, renewed on September 1, 2020, and subsequently on January 26, 2021, following the coronavirus emergency, the current second wave and the recent mutations of the virus have significantly diverted work efforts to reissue this General Permit as resources were directed to addressing the myriad of materials management issues resulting from the pandemic. The lapse of this Commercial GP would leave the regulated community in limbo and create confusion and uncertainty. This extension will continue coverage for the regulated community while the process for reissuance is underway. Based on this assessment, DEEP considers it necessary to extend the Commercial GP until May 3, 2021.

Nothing in this order shall excuse full compliance with all other requirements of the General Permits while this order is in effect.

So ordered this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

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Commissioner