

New Jersey Clean Air Council Public Hearing

**Reducing the Impact of Food Waste on Air Quality
and Climate Change**

NJ Department of Environmental Protection
401 East State Street, Public Hearing Room, Trenton, NJ 08625

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 - 9:30am
Microsoft Teams & In-person

AGENDA

- 9:30 am Maria Connolly, Chair, Clean Air Council
Brief Introduction
- 9:35 am Maria Connolly, Hearing Co-Chair
Stephen Milgrom, Hearing Co-Chair
Hearing Topic and Procedures
- 9:45 am Paul Baldauf, Assistant Commissioner, Air, Energy and Materials Sustainability
Welcome and Opening Remarks
- 10:05 am Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin
Legislative District 19
Food Insecurity/Food Waste
Attending Meeting – REMOTE
- 10:25 am Dr. Serpil Guran, Director
The EcoComplex “Clean Energy Innovation Center”, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey
Food Waste Reutilization in Achieving Climate Change Mitigation and Circular Economy
Attending Meeting – REMOTE
- 10:45 am Gary Sondermeyer, Vice President of Operations
Bayshore Recycling, representing Association of New Jersey Recyclers (ANJR)
New Jersey Statewide Sustainable Food Management Planning and Implementation
Attending Meeting – IN PERSON

- 11:05 am Veronique Lambert, Program Manager for Outreach, Training and Special Projects
Sustainable Jersey
Reducing the Climate Impact of School Food Waste
Attending Meeting – IN PERSON
- 11:25 am Brian Blair, General Manager
Trenton Renewable Power LLC
Anaerobic Digestion Decarbonization by Recycling
Attending Meeting – IN PERSON
- 12:00 pm *Lunch Break*
- 1:05 pm Sara Elnakib, PhD, MPH, RDN, Department Chair/Associate Professor
Rutgers Cooperative Extension, Department of Family & Community Health Sciences
Tackling Food Waste through the Food System: Focusing on Schools
Attending Meeting – IN PERSON
- 1:25 pm Len Gipson, Director of Operations and Maintenance
Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority (CCMUA)
Anaerobic Digestion, Food Waste, and Carbon Footprint
Attending Meeting - REMOTE
- 1:45 pm Jessica Padilla Gonzalez, CEO
Center for United Methodist Aid to the Community (CUMAC)
Food Rescue: A Vital Strategy to Impact Food Security and Environmental Justice
Attending Meeting - REMOTE
- 2:05 pm Matthew Wasserman, Vice President
NJ Composting Council
Reducing the Impact of Food Waste on Climate Change
Attending Meeting - REMOTE
- 2:25 pm General Public Comment Period
- TBD Adjourn