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December 18, 2014

Mr. Mark Kurschner
Product Care Association
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Dear Mr. Kurschner:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) reviewed and is granting approval of the Final Washington State Mercury-Containing Lights Product Stewardship Program Plan submitted on December 1, 2014. Approval is based on the *Mercury-Containing Lights Product Stewardship Program, Chapter 173-910 WAC*, and *Mercury-Containing Lights – Proper Disposal, Chapter 70.275 RCW*.

The collection program is key to the program's success. Ecology requests that more collection sites continue to be added to the network to replace the collection events currently listed for areas where permanent sites have not yet been identified. This is crucial for a strong program and a comprehensive, safe, and convenient collection system for all Washington citizens.

Please send a status update on required collectors by April 1, 2015, with information on scheduled collection events and on permanent sites that have replaced collection events.

Ecology's final approval is granted prior to January 1, 2015, when PCA Product Stewardship Inc. is required to begin implementing the Plan and operating the Product Stewardship Program.

We appreciate the opportunity to work with PCA to implement the Washington State Mercury-Containing Lights Product Stewardship Program. If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Neugebauer-Rex at (360) 407-7602 or jneu461@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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