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WATER QUALITY PROGRAM

July 13, 2009

Dear Mr. Killelea,

I manage a small vehicle recycling facility and I'm very concerned about the new Stormwater Permit. I believe it will cripple our industry and put the majority out of business. Everybody I talk to is struggling to keep their head above water, sales are down, money is tight. Most of the business are downsizing. This new permit will add more of a burden than we can stand. We drain all oils, antifreeze, refrigerants and recycle them properly. When we are gone, what is going to happen to these fluids? The illegal auto wreckers drain everything on the ground, and nobody catches up with them until they created their mess and left. This problem will just compound.

The State will loose millions from our sales and taxes we pay, along with new costs of performing the functions we do now, not counting the costs of cleaning up after the illegal scrappers are done.

The permit needs to be made simpler for us to understand and cut down on the copper restrictions, we are not the cause of the problems. Our highways and parking lots are the major contributors of this problem.

IBA has proposed serveral suggestions for this permit to work for small businesses. I wish you would take another look at these. I believe our industry as a whole is providing a proper way of handling the waste stream of junk vehicles at no cost to the State. We need to stay in business and provide revenue to the State, jobs for our employees. Thank You for considering these thoughts,

Sincerely,



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