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March 2, 2021

Jeremy Jones
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Dear Jeremy Jones:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) received the *Washington Paint Stewardship Program Plan* which you submitted on October 27, 2020, and with final revisions on February 26, 2021. The plan was reviewed for compliance with Chapter 70A.515 RCW, Architectural Paint Stewardship Program.

RCW 70A.515.040(1)(h) and RCW 70A.515.040(6) establish the criteria by which PaintCare must create a reasonably convenient and available statewide collection system for consumers, and other covered entities, to drop-off unwanted paint. At this time, Ecology is conditionally approving the program plan because PaintCare will not completely meet the criteria by the program start date of April 1, 2021.

Ecology recognizes that PaintCare has made great progress towards meeting the statewide collection system criteria, with new drop-off sites coming on-line every day, and supports a program start date of April 1, 2021. Until the statewide collection system criteria are met, Ecology requires PaintCare to provide the Department a list of drop-off sites in operation, each month, beginning April 1, 2021. This conditional approval will be revisited at the time the program annual report is submitted or when PaintCare indicates it believes the convenience standard has been met.

The plan is effective immediately and will be posted to Ecology's paint stewardship website.

Thank you for your time and effort in preparing the plan and bringing this program to fruition in Washington. We look forward to a successful start of the PaintCare program in Washington on April 1st.

If you have any questions, please contact Megan Warfield at megan.warfield@ecy.wa.gov or (360) 701-9683.

Sincerely,

Blake Nelson
Statewide Resources Section Manager
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