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Leo Raudys
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RE: Approval of VT Primary Battery Stewardship Program Plan

Dear Mr. Raudys,

The Vermont Primary Battery Stewardship Program Plan (the Plan) submitted to the Agency on November 20, 2020 is hereby approved. The Agency has determined that this revised plan (Version November 2020) meets the requirements of Vermont statute-10 V.S.A. Chapter 168 "Product Stewardship for Primary Batteries and Rechargeable Batteries."

A 30-day public comment period was held, and one party submitted comments.

Due to impacts of COVID-19 and a lack of predictability, our Agency considers a 17% collection rate goal for the first year of the Plan (2021) reasonable. However, as Vermont's 2018 Waste Composition Study showed, an estimated 492,000 pounds of primary batteries per year are still disposed of in landfills. Call2Recycle has committed in the Plan to an incremental year-to-year increase in the collection rate goal over the term of the Plan which will exceed a 20% collection rate performance goal by the end of the Plan term. Call2Recycle will annually submit these incremental collection rate goals to the Agency for review and approval.

In addition, Call2Recycle commits to improving the outreach and awareness of the program to help achieve these incremental goals and to capture more primary batteries out of the waste stream.

The Plan is approved until **December 31, 2025**.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mia Roethlein at (802) 522-5926 or mia.roethlein@vermont.gov.

Sincerely,



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cc: Sean Plasse, Call2Recycle;
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