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Mr. Mannie Cheung, Vice President, Operations
Product Care Association of Canada
105 West 3rd Avenue
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Dear Mr. Cheung,

Re: PEI Paint Stewardship Program Amendment/Renewal

The Prince Edward Island Department of Communities, Land and Environment acknowledges receipt of your letter dated June 13, 2017 on behalf of Product Care Association of Canada, seeking approval for the renewal of the existing Paint Stewardship Program, initially approved on June 25, 2012.

I am pleased to note that the 2016 Paint Program Annual report shows a continued increase in the PEI recovery rate for used paint products and that the PEI program has the highest recovery rate in the Atlantic region. We appreciate that higher recovery rates may also lead to higher operating costs for your organization, however we are pleased to see that the 2016 total program costs are 10% lower than 2015, based on the cost per litre processed. I encourage Product Care Association to work with my staff and the staff of Island Waste Management Corporation to implement program efficiencies to reduce consumer costs. We are also pleased to see the inclusion of reporting on the financial component of the program in the 2016 annual report. As per Subsection 43 (b) of the PEI *Environmental Protection Act*, Materials Stewardship and Recycling Regulations (updated from subsection 37), I am pleased to approve the renewal of the Prince Edward Island Paint Recycling Program Plan submitted by Product Care Association in June of 2012.

Mr. Cheung, I congratulate your organization for their accomplishments to date and look forward to the opportunity to discuss program developments during your next trip to Prince Edward Island.

Sincerely,

Robert Mitchell
Minister