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Mr. John Coyne  
Chair  
Stewardship Ontario  
1 St. Clair Ave. West, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Dear Mr. Coyne:

In response to comments I have received from stakeholders and pursuant to Section 14 of the *Waste Diversion Transition Act, 2016* (WDTA), I am amending the timelines set out in the direction to wind up the waste diversion program for municipal hazardous or special waste (MHSW) issued to Stewardship Ontario (SO) on April 12, 2018.

The following timelines will apply to the wind up of the waste diversion program for MHSW, which include a new timeline for single-use batteries:

- SO must develop a plan to wind up the waste diversion program for MHSW for all designated wastes and submit it to the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority (the Authority) for approval no later than June 30, 2019.
- The waste diversion program in respect of single-use batteries will cease operation on June 30, 2020.
- The waste diversion program for the remaining designated wastes under the waste diversion program for MHSW will cease operation on December 31, 2020.

Given that batteries are often used with or embedded in electrical and electronic equipment, this change will allow for a coordinated policy approach in winding up the waste diversion programs for MHSW and waste electrical and electronic equipment, and in regulating the management of the materials under the producer responsibility framework provided in the *Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016*.

All other elements included in the direction to wind up the waste diversion program for MHSW on April 12, 2018 remain unchanged except as necessary to implement this direction.

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I am also directing SO to make publicly available on SO's website this amending wind-up direction letter in addition to the April 12, 2018 direction letter, as well as the policy direction letter issued to the Authority on April 12, 2018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rod Phillips', written over a large, light-colored scribble or stamp.

Rod Phillips  
Minister

- c: Mr. Serge Imbrogno, Deputy Minister  
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
- Ms. Glenda Gies, Chair, Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority
- Mr. Mark Kurschner, President, Product Care Association
- Mr. Robert Budgeon, CFO, SodaStream Canada
- Mr. David Pearce, Managing Director, Automotive Materials Stewardship