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Dear Washington State residents and e-waste recycling stakeholders,

I am very happy to report that the Authority's **Standard Plan** originally submitted to Ecology in February of this year was approved (conditionally) on July 17th. You may view the plan, as approved, by accessing a link on this web site. I would like to thank the many contributors that helped edit and refine the original submission into a final working plan. Agreements have been, and continue to be made with collectors, transporters and processors to ensure effective implementation of the electronic recycling system on January 1, 2009. The collector network is still under development, a listing of convenient drop off locations will be provided as locations are added.

Through the efforts of an outreach workgroup a dedicated web page URL address will be released soon. This site will contain information and tips about recycling electronics including a listing of the current "free" drop off locations. Marketing and branding materials and signage are being created to help the public identify collection sites and understand what will happen to their devices.

The Authority has posted its proposed **General Operating Plan** on this web site as well. The notice below explains the details of the upcoming public hearing and comment period on the General Operating Plan.

The implementation of the Standard Plan will contribute towards diverting millions of pounds of unwanted electronics from Washington State landfills and potentially irresponsible disposal. The preferred processing standards adopted by the manufacturers as approved by the Department of Ecology are outlined within the approved Standard Plan available for review (via link) on this web site.

Sincerely,



John Friedrich
WMMFA Executive Director

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:

The Washington Materials Management and Financing Authority will be holding a public hearing to accept comment on its General Operating plan Friday October 3rd between 1 and 3:30 PM. The hearing will be held in the Saratoga room, Embassy Suites, 15920 West Valley Highway, Seattle, WA. The Authority is the agency approved by the state to implement the provisions of the Standard and Operating plans as described in 70.95N.320 RCW and 173-900 WAC for the collection, transportation, and recycling of specified unwanted electronic devices. This hearing is the only hearing the Authority plans to hold to accept comments. To view the General Operating plan please visit our website at www.wmmfa.net and click on the General Operating Plan link. The Authority will accept comments via e-mail, US mail, phone, fax, and verbally at the hearing. All comments postmarked, e-mail or fax dated between now and October 10th will be responded to. Phone calls must be received by 3pm October 10th. Comments will be addressed in writing and will be available to those submitting comments and to the general public via our website by October 20th. The General Operating plan contains information pertaining to the Authority's activities to date, financial reserve requirements, and standards for contracting and services.

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