



ARKANSAS
Department of Environmental Quality



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Dear Vehicle Recyclers and Scrap Metal Recyclers of Arkansas,

Beginning in September of 2005, automotive mercury switch collection buckets were provided to you as part of the auto industry's compliance plan under the Mercury Switch Removal Act of 2005.

ADEQ has approved the final details of the Mercury Switch Minimization Plan presented by ELVS and this letter is to provide further information on the payment process. Under the Arkansas law, ELVS will pay \$5.00 for each mercury switch in an anti-lock brake g-force sensor assembly and each mercury convenience light switch bullet removed from the assembly unless the bullet is glass or too damaged or corroded to disassemble –in those cases, the entire assembly will be accepted.

Enclosed with this letter is a form that should be completed. Arkansas law requires recyclers and scrap recycling facilities that remove mercury switches from vehicles to maintain records documenting basic information about the vehicles the switches came from. For each vehicle, this includes the make, model and number of switches collected. Vehicle recyclers and scrap recycling facilities are also required to make these records available for review by the DEQ upon request. See Ark. Code Ann. § 8-9-606(c)(1) and (2). This letter should be considered such a request.

For your convenience, these forms are triplicate. Please return the originals to ADEQ in the enclosed, self-addressed envelope, retain a copy for your records, and place a copy inside your collection bucket with the switches being returned for payment. This will help expedite the payment process.

Please note that bounties are considered income by the IRS and require 1099 reporting at year-end. Upon receipt of your first bucket, ELVS waste contractor, EQ, will send you a W9 form to complete and return. No payments can be made until EQ is in receipt of the returned W9 form. Once EQ receives your completed W9 form, payments will be made within 60 days.

In addition, included in this package is an updated list of vehicles containing convenience light switches to include some vehicles manufactured by Porsche. Further educational materials and information about ELVS can be found at the ELVS website: www.elvsolutions.org.

Sincerely,

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