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Dear Michigan Mercury Switch Sweep (M2S2) Program Participants:

In late 2005, the End of Life Vehicles Solutions Corporation (ELVS) was created by the auto industry in part to help manage the collection and recycling programs for automotive mercury switches.

In August 2006, an agreement was reached by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, industry, environmental groups, and a national group representing state governments on a national program for recovering mercury switches from scrap cars and light trucks before they are shredded for recycling. ELVS' role in the agreement is to provide education, collection, and recycling of automotive mercury switches.

In recognition of the national agreement and the need for consistency among programs, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and ELVS are working together to convert the M2S2 Program to the national program. We want to thank you for your participation in the existing M2S2 Program, and we hope that you will continue your mercury switch recovery efforts under the national program.

The first step in converting the M2S2 over to the national program is to transfer collection responsibilities to ELVS. In a few days you will receive a new 3.5 gallon collection bucket, updated educational materials regarding mercury switch removal, a list of vehicles with the potential to contain mercury switches, and a detailed instruction sheet for shipping the ELVS buckets. ELVS has subcontracted the actual collection and transportation costs of the bucket to The Environmental Quality Company (EQ). When you return full buckets of switches, EQ will provide you with additional/or replacement buckets as requested and at no cost to you. Further enhancements to Michigan's switch collection program are expected once the full roll-out of the national program is in process.

Following the receipt of this letter and the new ELVS collection bucket, please contact Bill Stough, M2S2 Program Manager, at 616-301-1059 to arrange for the final collection of any existing buckets you might have from the previous M2S2 Program, or you can simply move your switches into the ELVS bucket and ship it to EQ when it is full.

For information on buckets, shipping, etc., please contact Judie Zaborowski, EQ Industrial Services, at 734-547-2511. Should you need additional information on the ELVS Program, please contact Mary Bills, at 877-225-ELVS, or visit ELVS' website at www.elvsolutions.org. If you have questions regarding the MDEQ or state laws regarding mercury, please call Steven Kratzer, MDEQ, at 517-373-0939.

We are looking forward to working with you in continuing your efforts to remove mercury.

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