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Subject: Proposed administrative penalties regulation under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016

Good afternoon,

Today, the ministry posted a proposed administrative penalties regulation under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016 (RRCEA) to strengthen our enforcement tools to hold polluters accountable for non-compliance. The proposed administrative penalties regulation would help ensure that producers, manufacturers and importers of tires, batteries, electrical and electronic equipment, blue box materials and hazardous and special products comply with requirements for the collection and end-of-life management of the materials they supply in Ontario.

As part of this proposal, we are proposing to extend the use of administrative penalties to the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority (Authority) to allow them to issue penalties to entities that don't comply with the law. This will ensure producers meet collection and management requirements.

To ensure transparency and accountability, all administrative penalties will be posted on the Authority's public website. In addition, the Authority is required to report annually to the Minister and the public on the use of revenue from administrative penalties.

The proposed regulation will complement the compliance and enforcement provisions in the RRCEA and will increase the tools available to the Authority to ensure compliance with the Act and its regulations:

- Tires Regulation – O. Reg. 225/18
- Batteries Regulation – O. Reg. 30/20
- Electrical and Electronic Equipment (EEE) Regulation – O. Reg. 522/20
- Blue Box Regulation – O. Reg. 391/21
- Hazardous and Special Products (HSP) Regulation – O. Reg. 449/21

The proposed administrative penalties regulation is posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) for a 45-day consultation period (September 17, 2021 – November 1, 2021). For details about the proposed regulation for administrative penalties under the RRCEA, visit the ERO website at <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-0045>.

In addition, the ministry will be holding a webinar session on October 6, 2021 to consult on the proposed administrative penalties regulation. Please confirm your participation by emailing RRPB.Mail@ontario.ca. We will provide further meeting details for those who confirm their participation.

If you have any questions about the proposed regulation, please contact Dale Gable, Manager Technology Projects, Resource Recovery Policy Branch at dale.gable@ontario.ca or 416-417-4741.

Sincerely,

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