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Mr. Jacob Saffert,
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Mr. Saffert,

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has completed its review of the revised Maryland Paint Stewardship Program Plan (the "Plan") submitted to MDE on October 1, 2025. The PaintCare of Maryland LLC developed and submitted the Plan to MDE for its review to confirm the Plan's compliance with the requirements of §§9-1701, 9-1707, 9-1733 and 9-1734 of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.

After review, MDE determined that the Plan satisfies the requirements as outlined in §§9-1701, 9-1707, 9-1733 and 9-1734 of the Environment Article. In accordance with §9-1733(b)(3), of the Environment Article, the Plan is approved under the following conditions:

1. The Plan must be implemented by PaintCare of Maryland LLC, no later than May 1, 2026.
2. Beginning April 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, a report must be submitted to MDE in accordance with §9-1733(h) of the Environment Article. This annual report shall detail all information as detailed in the approved Plan.
3. On or before, April 1, 2026, provide updated listings of validated paint manufacturers and the brands that are participating in the Plan.
4. On or before, April 1, 2026, provide a list of validated drop-off sites that are participating in the Plan. The list must include the name of the business, address, and the county in which it is located.
5. Per §9-1733(a)(9) of the Environment Article, a revised Plan or amendment to the Plan shall be submitted to MDE:
 - a. Every five years, on request of MDE; or
 - b. When MDE requires a change to the amount of the paint stewardship assessment.
6. On Page 26 of the Plan, under C2 "Paint Containers," replace the first paragraph with the following by April 1, 2026: "Metal and plastic paint containers received by the program will be managed and reported to MDE on their rate of recycling and disposal. PaintCare works with the program contracted transporters, processors, and interested recyclers to

identify and utilize available opportunities for container management. Containers that are not recycled are typically disposed of as solid waste. PaintCare will report the tons of containers recycled through the program on an annual basis and included in PaintCare's annual report to MDE. PaintCare is aware of Maryland's 2019 Waste Reduction and Resource Recovery Plan that established voluntary statewide goals to encourage continuous improvement in sustainable materials management. For each county, the recommended voluntary recycling rate goals by 2035 for metal and plastic are 75% and 25% respectively. To assist counties meeting those goals and to align with Maryland's Packaging and Paper Products – Producer Responsibility (EPR for PPP) law, PaintCare will coordinate with MDE on their ability to reuse and recycle containers. PaintCare recognizes that the Maryland EPR for PPP law exempts the packaging and paper products being managed under this Plan; however, it is understood that those will be managed by the PaintCare program.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Bradley Baker, Manager, Resource Management Program at 410-537-3314 or by email at Bradley.baker1@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,



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