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June 20, 2025

Mr. Jacob Saffert
States Program Manager
PaintCare Illinois LLC
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RE: PaintCare's Illinois Paint Stewardship Program Plan, dated March 21, 2025

Dear Mr. Saffert,

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has completed its review of PaintCare's Illinois Paint Stewardship Program Plan ("Plan"), dated March 21, 2025. The Plan was reviewed for compliance with 415 ILCS 175, the Paint Stewardship Act.

Section 15 of the Paint Stewardship Act establishes the criteria by which PaintCare must create a reasonably convenient and available statewide collection system for consumers, and other covered entities, to drop off-unwanted paint. At this time, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency is conditionally approving the program plan in the interest of moving the program forward to a December 1, 2025 implementation date. This conditional approval is subject to the following additional requirement.

Upon the adoption of the amended Standards for Universal Waste Management by the Illinois Pollution Control Board (R25-22), PaintCare shall amend this Illinois Paint Stewardship Program Plan to ensure the Program Plan is entirely consistent with the adopted regulations. PaintCare shall submit a revised Program Plan to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency within 45 days of the new Universal Waste Management regulation being adopted. This conditional approval will be revisited at this time to ensure the amended Illinois Paint Stewardship Program Plan is in compliance with the Universal Waste Management regulations.

Under this conditional approval, the Plan will be considered effective immediately. PaintCare must promptly post a copy of the Plan, along with this letter, to their website.

Thank you for your continued efforts to move this important program forward to implementation in Illinois. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency looks forward to a successful start of the PaintCare program in Illinois on December 1, 2025.

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Please contact Vishnu Srinivasaraghavan at (217) 558-1959 or vishnu.srinivasaraghavan2@illinois.gov with any questions you may have regarding the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's conditional approval or the ongoing implementation of PaintCare's Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jacqueline Cooperider".

Jacqueline Cooperider, P.E.
Deputy Bureau Chief
Bureau of Land/Division of Land Pollution Control
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency