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September 14, 2018

Paul Mercer  
Commissioner  
Department of Environmental Protection  
State of Maine  
17 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0017

Re: PaintCare Maine Architectural Paint Stewardship Program Plan

Mr. Mercer:

Upon the recommendation of counsel, PaintCare has recently begun the process of creating state-specific Limited Liability Companies, each having segregated bank accounts and enhanced liability protection, for the respective state programs. To that end, I am writing to notify you that the party identified as the "Stewardship Organization" within PaintCare's "Maine Architectural Paint Stewardship Program Plan," as revised and submitted on June 8, 2015, will be changed from PaintCare, a nonprofit corporation having tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3), to the PaintCare Maine LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, of which PaintCare is the sole member and Marjaneh Zarrehparvar is the manager.

PaintCare Maine LLC is still a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as a "disregarded entity" of PaintCare. Thus, PaintCare Maine LLC complies with the organizational requirements set forth in 38 M.R.S.A. §2144, which provides that a "Representative Organization means a non-profit organization created by producers to operate a paint stewardship program."

This change will not impact any substantive provisions of the Paint Stewardship Program Plan, as PaintCare will continue to administer the Program through a shared services agreement with PaintCare Maine LLC.

Please have an authorized representative of the Department of Environmental Protection sign below to acknowledge that the department has no objection to the change in stewardship organization from PaintCare Inc. to PaintCare Maine LLC, which will take effect on January 1, 2019. Please return for our records a signed copy of this letter in the enclosed pre-paid envelope.

Re: PaintCare Maine Architectural Paint Stewardship Program Plan

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional documentation related to the PaintCare Maine LLC.

Sincerely,

Marjaneh Zarrehparvar  
Manager  
PaintCare Maine LLC

Enclosures:

Signature copy of letter  
Pre-paid envelope

**Acknowledged and Agreed:**

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Print Name: Melanie Loyzou

Title: Deputy Commissioner

Date: 9/28/18