



September 2, 2026

VIA REGULAR U.S. MAIL & EMAIL (aradin@paint.org)

Mr. Andrew Radin
New York Program Manager
PaintCare New York LLC
901 New York Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20001

Re: PaintCare's New York Paint Stewardship Program Plan, dated August 4, 2026

Dear Andrew Radin:

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has completed its review of PaintCare's New York Paint Stewardship Program Plan ("Plan"), dated August 4, 2026. In accordance with the Postconsumer Paint Collection Program, Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) Article 27, Title 20, a new Plan is required to be submitted to DEC for approval every four years. The new plan replaces the prior Plan that was dated December 1, 2021, and was conditionally approved on January 6, 2022. The new Plan was reviewed for compliance with ECL Section 27-2003(3) as well as applicable regulations.

DEC commends PaintCare on the implementation of its program since May 1, 2022, and on the expansion of the paint drop-off site network from 218 sites to 392 sites as of August 31, 2026. However, PaintCare's Plan does not include a statewide collection network that meets the collection site criteria set forth in ECL § 27-2003(3)(e)(ii). In the interest of PaintCare continuing to implement this program in New York State and considering PaintCare's demonstrated efforts to pursue the convenience requirements of the law, DEC is issuing conditional approval of the August 4, 2026 Plan. Under this conditional approval, the new Plan will be considered effective immediately and will be posted to DEC's website along with a copy of this letter. PaintCare must also post the same to its website.

This conditional approval is subject to PaintCare's continued electronic submittal of monthly reports to DEC listing the collection sites in operation and detailing ongoing recruitment efforts to add additional collection sites in the areas where convenience has not been met per ECL § 27-2003(3)(e). The conditional status of this approval will be reviewed when PaintCare demonstrates to DEC that the collection site convenience criteria of the ECL has been met.

Thank you for your continued efforts in implementing this important program in New York State. DEC looks forward to working closely with PaintCare to fulfill the requirements of the Postconsumer Paint Collection Program. Please contact Peter van Erp at peter.vanerp@dec.ny.gov or (518) 402-8706 with any questions you may have about DEC's conditional approval or the ongoing implementation of PaintCare's program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R. Clarkson', with a stylized, cursive script.

Richard Clarkson, P.E.
Director, Division of Materials Management