

August 23, 2016

Janet Coit, Director Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management 235 Promenade Street Providence, RI 02908

Re: Rhode Island Architectural Paint Stewardship Program Plan

Ms. Coit:

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 "Rhode Island Architectural Paint Stewardship Program Plan," as revised on May 14, 2011, will be changed from PaintCare, a nonprofit corporation having tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3), to the PaintCare Rhode Island LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, of which PaintCare is the sole member and Marjaneh Zarrehparvar is the manager.

PaintCare Rhode Island LLC is still a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as a "disregarded entity" of PaintCare. PaintCare Rhode Island LLC complies with the Rhode Island Paint Stewardship Law, which provides that a "Representative organization" means the nonprofit organization created by producers to implement the paint stewardship program described in section 23-24.11-3 of the Law.

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 Rhode Island LLC.

Please have an authorized representative of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management sign below to acknowledge that the department has no objection to the change in stewardship organization from PaintCare Inc. to PaintCare Rhode Island LLC. Please return for our records a signed copy of this letter in the enclosed pre-paid envelope.

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

Sincerely,

Marjaneh Zarrehparvar Manager

PaintCare Rhode Island LLC

**Enclosures:** 

Signature copy of letter Pre-paid envelope

Acknowledged and Agreed:

Print Name: Mark M. Denner

Title: Supervising Environmental Scientist

Date: 1/9/2017