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George Drew, Environmental Compliance Specialist
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100 Recovery Way
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Dear Mr. Drew:

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection ("MassDEP") is hereby extending Material Separation Plan 4 ("MSP4") through calendar year 2009 revising the expiration date to December 31, 2009. Your facility is required to submit and implement a Material Separation Plan pursuant to 310 CMR 7.08(2)(f)(7) and the Department's *Material Separation Plan Guidance for Municipal Waste Combustors*.

The extension of MSP4 reflects an agreement between MassDEP and your facility that the programs outlined in your plan address priority areas and that no significant programmatic changes are needed at this time. The extension will also provide time to assess whether the Mercury Management Act's disposal prohibition, in effect as of May 1, 2008, creates new program opportunities and priorities for MSP5.

Please submit a MSP4 plan budget for CY09, to reflect this extension, by July 1, 2008. As we continue educating municipalities and residents about the mercury products disposal prohibition, MassDEP expects an increased number of residents will be looking for convenient recycling options for fluorescent lamps. We encourage you to partner with retail locations within your service area in order to increase residents' access to recycling options and to reflect the expected increase in lamp recycling in your CY09 budget. MassDEP will issue final approvals no later than November 2008 and will post the revised budget to the MassDEP website.

The planning process for MSP5 will begin in the spring of 2009.

If you have questions regarding the MSP4 extension, please contact Tina Klein at MassDEP at (617) 292-5704 or tina.klein@state.ma.us.

Sincerely,

Greg Cooper
Deputy Division Director, Consumer Programs

cc: Dan Harty
Tina Klein, MassDEP

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