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and

Ms. Glenda Gies
Chair
Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority
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Dear Ms. Collver and Ms. Gies:

I am writing regarding the transition plan developed by Stewardship Ontario (SO) for the waste diversion program for Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste (MHSW).

In response to feedback I have received from stakeholders and pursuant to Section 14 of the Waste Diversion Transition Act, 2016, I am clarifying previous direction on how residual funds must be managed once the program, or part of the program, has ceased operation and all financial obligations have been accounted for. I am directing that the residual funds be returned to stewards. The return of the residual funds should be in proportion, where reasonably possible, to the stewards' contribution to the funds for each municipal hazardous or special material (MHSM) category.

Other than any clarification provided in this direction, it does not change the requirements in the previous direction letters. The direction applies to stewards for the MHSM categories whose recovery is managed by SO as well as stewards of the MHSM categories that are now managed through industry stewardship plans.

It is my expectation that the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority (the Authority) will approve the revisions to the plan resulting from this clarification no later than February 29, 2020.

Lastly, SO and the Authority shall post this clarifying direction to their respective websites.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Yurek', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jeff Yurek
Minister

c: Mr. Serge Imbrogno, Deputy Minister, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks