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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Redemption of Containers Purchased Outside Vermont

This letter is regarding the Vermont beverage container redemption program. It has come to our attention that there may be confusion about current obligations under Vermont's bottle redemption law. Vermont's beverage container laws are clear that only beverage containers purchased in Vermont should be redeemed in Vermont. *See* 10 V.S.A. § 1525 ("No person shall knowingly attempt to redeem a container to a retailer or a redemption center for deposit return if that container was purchased outside this State.") Persons in violation of Vermont's beverage container law may face civil penalties of up to \$1,000 per violation. 10 V.S.A. § 1527.

Vermont's beverage container laws were amended in 2005, and any correspondence issued by the State before the amendments, including the June 18, 1996 letter of Vermont Bottle Bill Administrator Stacey Sparrow to the Solid Waste Manager for the City of Keene (NH), no longer accurately reflects the current state of Vermont law.

If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Jamieson of Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation at 802-522-5938 or cathy.jamieson@vermont.gov

Sincerely,

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