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Dear Mr. Bruskotter:

Thank you for your response to our letter dated May 23, 2005, regarding an effort by the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) and the Department of General Services (DGS) to establish an environmentally preferable product (EPP) standard for printer and duplication cartridges. Your comments and suggestions were informative and helpful.

We agree that performance is very important. We intend to consider including failure rates and output minimums into the EPP standard as we get further into the process. Issues such as warranty, returnable packaging and developing a list of qualified vendors, while important, are unfortunately outside the scope of our current effort. The objective of our effort is to establish an EPP printer cartridge standard using the four benchmarks offered in our letter to the Interested Parties dated May 23, 2005, as a basis for determining an EPP cartridge. The effect of EPP designation would be to allow state and local agencies to easily identify and purchase such products in preference to products not designated as EPPs.

I would like to thank you again for responding to our letter with helpful comments and suggestions. I look forward to continuing our dialogue and working together towards establishing an environmentally preferable standard for printer cartridges.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Mr. Fareed Ferhut at fferhut@ciwmb.ca.gov or (916) 341-6482.

Sincerely,

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