To: All Certified Recyclers and Other Interested Parties

Subject: Recycling Center Temporary Closures

The purpose of this letter is to inform all recyclers and interested parties of changes to our temporary closure policy. While reviewing current policies and procedures it has come to our attention that the temporary closure policy does not conform to our law. Current law requires all recycling centers to be open 30 hours per week as stated in CR2500(a)(4)(A). In the past we have allowed recycling centers to submit a temporary closure for an unforeseeable reason to close, such as weather or construction at the recycling center site.

Effective February 1, 2004, recyclers will no longer be required to notify the Division of Recycling when they will be temporarily closed. Our inspectors will continue to do inspections throughout the state and if they find a site that is not open, the site will receive a Notice of Noncompliance or Notice of Violation.

Fines will still be assessed for Notices of Violations. Instead of going back two years for violations, we will only go back one year. Revisits will not be done for at least 30 days, but revisits will continue until compliance is met.

If you have any questions regarding this notice concerning the new policy, contact Bob DaRosa at (916) 327-8667 or send an email to rdarosa@conservation.ca.gov.