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NOTICE

To: Recyclers and Processors
Subject: AB 844 and AB 1778 new legislation

AB 844/Berryhill (Chapter 731, Statutes of 2008), and AB 1778/Ma (Chapter 733, Statutes of 2008) were enacted in the 2008 legislative session regarding junk dealers and recyclers. AB 844 will become effective on December 1, 2008, and AB 1778 will become effective on January 1, 2009. These new laws will be administered and enforced by local government agencies. Although the duties and responsibilities of participants in the beverage container recycling program will remain in effect, the Department recommends that junk dealers and recyclers contact their local city or county government for information regarding any additional requirements they may impose under these new laws. The Department of Justice provides additional information related to these new laws at their website: <http://ag.ca.gov/recycle/>.

The Department would like to emphasize that these new laws do not affect the requirements of the Beverage Container Recycling Act and clarifying regulations, which still apply. In particular, payment is required immediately for the refund of beverage containers returned to a recycling center pursuant to Section 2095 of the California Code of Regulations. For questions regarding the responsibilities of recycling centers as participants in the program, please visit the recycling center information section on our website at http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dor/crcp/recyclers/Pages/Recyclers_index.aspx or call 1-800-RECYCLE.

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