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NOTICE

DATE: April 19, 2017
TO: All Certified Recycling Centers
SUBJECT: Large Volumes of HDPE and rules for non-CRV material

CalRecycle has noticed an uptrend in recycling volume for High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) in certain areas, especially in Southern California. The volume in Los Angeles County, in particular, has been significantly higher than the rest of the state.

This is a reminder that recycling centers shall pay consumers segregated rates for loads of material inspected and confirmed as containing **only** California Refund Value (CRV) beverage containers. Since November 2013, the law has not allowed recycling centers to accept commingled loads (loads mixed with both CRV and non-CRV material) from consumers; there is no longer a commingled rate for consumers. For instance, HDPE milk containers are not CRV material and are considered scrap so CRV may not be paid for them.

Recycling centers may choose, but are not required, to accept non-CRV materials from consumers:

- 1) **As a donation** - the center must not pay anything. Note: California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 2525(d) requires donations to a recycling center be logged and/or receipted.

OR

- 2) **As scrap** - the center may only pay the applicable scrap value. Note: CCR 2525(h) requires that all scrap transactions be receipted.

CalRecycle will be closely monitoring the volume of all material types reported.

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