



March 2, 2015

Ms. Valerie Bernardo, CPA
PaintCare
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**RE: BIENNIAL PAINT STEWARDSHIP FEE ASSESSMENT INDEPENDENT AUDIT,
PAINT STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM, CONNECTICUT
(HRP # PAI2002.RC)**

Dear Ms. Bernardo:

Pursuant to Section 2(b)(1) of Public Act 11-24 of the Connecticut General Assembly, the following Independent Audit was performed.

An independent financial audit was conducted by the Certified Professional Accounting Firm, Rogers & Company PLLC for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 and was reviewed by HRP Associates, Inc. (HRP). Supplemental information for the period of July 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 was also reviewed by HRP.

PaintCare proposes the following uniform paint stewardship assessment for the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017:

<u>Container Size</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Less than ½ pint to ½ pint	\$0.00
Large than ½ pint to smaller than 1 gallon	\$0.35
One gallon	\$0.75
Larger than 1 gallon to 5 gallons	\$1.60

A net asset balance of \$1,275,976 has been accumulated since the inception of the program, which translates to roughly 42% of the annual costs of the program. Based upon the program still being in its infancy, HRP recommends that the assessment fees be reassessed at the end of the 2016 fiscal year. This reassessment will allow the awareness campaign momentum to continue to increase collection volumes, which translates to increased expenses. However, if the net assets of the program reach a one-year operating budget, the recovery fee should be adjusted at the end of the fiscal year at which the assets are realized.

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If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact HRP at (860) 674-9570.

Sincerely,
HRP ASSOCIATES, INC.



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