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David Wagger, Ph.D.,
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Dear Mr. Wagger:

Thank you for your letter to OSWER Assistant Administrator Susan Parker Bodine dated March 14, 2008 in which you express concerns about the EPA publication "Safe Disposal Procedures for Household Appliances that Use Refrigerants" (EPA530-F-06-020). The Office of Solid Waste (OSW) developed the publication mentioned above in close coordination with EPA's Office of Air and Radiation (OAR). We share your interest in ensuring the safe recycling of industrial materials so that they may become raw materials for new products -- a practice that saves energy, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and conserves natural resources.

As you mention in your letter, your organization has been working with OAR to understand and comply with their Safe Disposal Regulations and subsequent clarifying language. Also in your letter, you express your current concerns regarding compliance inspections related to the Safe Disposal Regulations. For these reasons, we feel that the OAR is the most appropriate organization within EPA to respond to your current concerns. We have forwarded your letter to EPA Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation Robert Meyers, and his office will be in contact with you to schedule the meeting that your letter requested. OSW staff will be happy to participate in that meeting and will make any changes to the publication determined to be appropriate.

Again, thank you for your letter. OSW will continue to work with OAR on matters related to the safe recycling of appliances that use refrigerants. We value your organization's help in ensuring that our regulations and guidance consider realities and practices in the field.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Hale", written in a cursive style.

Matt Hale, Director
Office of Solid Waste

CC: Robert J. Meyers, Assistant Administrator, OAR
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