

December 17, 1999

Mr. Dale M. De Kok  
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Dear Mr. De Kok:

Thank you for your letter to President Clinton regarding used oil management and your suggestion on ways to encourage the recycling of used oil filters. Your letter was forwarded to my office for response. I appreciate your ideas concerning used oil management. You have clearly put a great deal of thought into this issue.

For your information, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a comprehensive set of used oil management standards on September 10, 1992 designed to encourage recycling and prevent the mismanagement of used oil. These management standards are found in Part 279 of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations and mandate practices that must be followed by generators, transporters, processors, re-refiners, marketers, and burners of used oil. These management standards also include provisions for the proper management of used oil filters. A thorough discussion of these management standards is presented in the enclosed publication entitled, Environmental Regulations and Technology: Managing Used Motor Oil.

Again, I appreciate your ideas concerning used oil management, and I hope the enclosed information is helpful.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth A. Cotsworth, Director  
Office of Solid Waste

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