

Ms. Sheri D. Powell
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Dear Ms. Powell:

Thank you for your letter of June 8, 2000 to Carol Browner regarding Alabama's education and outreach program for used motor oil. Specifically, you are seeking the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) endorsement of Project R.O.S.E. (Recycled Oil Saves Energy). Your letter was forwarded to my office for response.

While it is EPA's policy not to endorse individual private organizations, we do support your organization's efforts to promote the recycling of used motor oil. EPA has been a major advocate in promoting used oil recycling programs for many years. We believe the quantity of used oil being improperly disposed of has been significantly reduced due in large part to the combined efforts of states, localities, and private organizations like yours that actively participate in the development and implementation of used oil recycling programs. As these programs grow in popularity and effectiveness, we hope to see even further reductions in the improper disposal of used oil in this country.

I appreciate your organization's interest in the safe and effective management of used motor oil.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth A. Cotsworth, Director
Office of Solid Waste

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