

Ms. Wendy Webber
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Dear Ms. Webber:

Thank you for your letter of March 22, 1999 to President Clinton regarding used oil management and your concerns over the improper disposal of used oil. Your letter was forwarded to my office for response. I have enclosed several publications on used oil management that should be helpful to you in understanding the federal government's role in this area.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has also published a comprehensive set of used oil management standards 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. A thorough discussion of these management standards is presented in the enclosed publication entitled, Environmental Regulations and Technology: Managing 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, private industry, and concerned citizens like yourself who 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 interest in the safe and effective management of used oil, and I hope the enclosed information is helpful.

Sincerely yours,

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Elizabeth A. Cotsworth, Acting Director
Office of Solid Waste

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