



## DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY

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January 3, 2013

Dr. Robert Peoples, Ph.D.  
Executive Director  
Carpet America Recovery Effort  
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Dear Dr. Peoples:

This letter acknowledges the receipt of your request to extend the conditional approval of the California Carpet Stewardship Plan (Plan) from December 31, 2012 to May 31, 2013. Granting the extension will allow CARE time to analyze results from the Rural Pilot Study and CARE's annual survey of processors to utilize that information to help inform the Plan. Our understanding is that the additional time will provide CARE the opportunity to more fully consider educational needs of carpet processors, to develop strategies to address markets for non-nylon face fiber, to refine the baseline estimate, and to re-evaluate the program goals. Additionally, this timeline complements the first annual report that is due to CalRecycle by July 1, 2013. At the same time, and pursuant to statute, the program will continue to be implemented while the Plan is being updated.

CalRecycle is pleased that CARE is working on these issues, especially as they are extremely important for the overall success of this innovative program. We recognize that there are learning curves for all stakeholders involved and at times flexibility is needed. This is not to say, however, that future extensions will be granted. We do expect that an updated plan will be provided to CalRecycle by May 31, 2013. Furthermore, our expectation is that the updated plan will cover in some detail:

- Expansion of recycling services to rural counties
- Revised language on audits
- Improved communications with processors about reporting protocols
- Improved procedures to tighten verification to ensure processors are complying with CARE's requirements
- Additional information and strategy on how to address non-nylon face fibers, and
- Updated information on the baseline and goals.



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We greatly value the cooperative process that has been used for this program and look forward to continued expansion of discard carpet being used as a valued resource. And we look forward to seeing an updated plan that takes the program a step further.

Should you have any questions or require additional assistance, please feel free to contact Kathy Frevert, Senior Integrated Waste Management Specialist of the Statewide Technical and Analytical Services Branch, at 916-341-6746.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol Mortensen".

Caroll Mortensen, Director  
CalRecycle

Cc: Kathy Frevert