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NOTICE

TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Plastic Quality Incentive Payment Program

The passage of SB 170 (Chapter 240, Skinner, Budget Act of 2021) authorized the expenditure of $10,000,000 from the California Beverage Recycling Fund for the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to provide quality incentive payments (QIP) to curbside recycling programs to increase the sorting and separation of clean loads of PET containers, as defined in Section 14515.5 of the Public Resources Code.

Beginning July 1, 2021, and until June 30, 2022, CalRecycle may make quality incentive payments for PET beverage containers. This is pursuant to the payment process described in paragraph (2) of subdivision (c) of Section 14549.1 of the Public Resources Code and CalRecycle's regulations only for loads that contain a maximum of 2 percent of PET thermoform containers and other contaminants, as determined by CalRecycle.

CalRecycle is currently accepting new applications for January through June 2022; the final filing date is August 10, 2022. CalRecycle will review the claims and may request supporting purchase documents as part of the eligibility verification process. In addition, CalRecycle staff may visit the participant to inspect their facility and inventory to verify the claim. **If you have already applied and received approval, a new application is not required for the January through June 2022 period.**

For further information, CalRecycle has created an instructional bulletin that provides a simple step-by-step process to facilitate the reporting requirements as specified in the statute and regulations. To apply, the application is located at the end of the [Instructional Bulletin](#).

Please submit applications to MarketInformation@CalRecycle.ca.gov. If you have any questions regarding Plastic QIP, please contact Manuel Cacho at (916) 323-2995.

Sincerely,

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