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Dear Missouri Vehicle Recycler/Dismantler:

Your facility is one of the 140 facilities in Missouri that are currently enrolled in the National Vehicle Mercury Switch Recycling Program's End of Life Vehicle Solutions, or ELVS program. As you may remember, this not-for-profit corporation will provide you with collection buckets and will arrange for free shipping and recycling of the mercury switches collected at your facility. After reviewing information on the ELVS Web site at www.elvsolutions.org, the department noticed your facility has not taken advantage of this recycling program.

The department would like to thank you for taking that first step to enroll in the program. We would also like to encourage you to take that next step by removing and sending in mercury switches from scrap vehicles before recycling them. Of the 140 facilities signed up in the program, only 15 percent are currently sending in the collected mercury switches. As an additional incentive, ELVS is now paying \$4 for every mercury, or Hg, light switch and \$6 for every Hg ABS switch that you send in to its recycler. However, these payments will only last until the money set aside in the National Vehicle Mercury Switch Recycling Program Implementation Fund is exhausted.

You can find the pellet-sized mercury switches in the lights under trunk and hood compartments and in anti-lock brakes of some vehicles built as late as the 2002 model year. Removing mercury switches before they are crushed, shredded or melted for recycling will help eliminate releases of mercury into the environment. By collecting mercury switches from scrap vehicles, you will be playing a critical role in protecting our health and environment.

If you have any questions about the ELVS program, please call toll-free at 877-225-ELVS(3587), or by e-mail to info@elvsolutions.org or visit the Web at www.elvsolutions.org.

Sincerely,

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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