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Dear Missouri Vehicle Recycler/Dismantler:

It has been a little more than two years since you received a letter from the department informing you of the National Vehicle Mercury Switch Recycling Program and “End of Life Vehicle Solutions”. As you may remember, the auto industry organized the End of Life Vehicle Solutions or ELVS. 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. Although participation in this program is voluntary, 140 facilities in Missouri have now signed up with the ELVS program. As of March 1, these facilities have collected and recycled 26,387 switches containing almost 58.05 lbs. of mercury. So far, the company that has removed and shipped the most switches is Pick-N-Pull Auto Dismantlers, at their St. Louis and Kansas City facilities.

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.

The department would like to thank those facilities participating in the program and also urge those who are not participating to sign up with ELVS now. As an additional incentive, ELVS is now paying \$4 for every 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. If you have any questions about the ELVS program and to find out how to sign up, 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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