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Ms. Sarah Westervelt
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Dear Ms. Westervelt:

I am writing in response to your October 14, 2003 letter regarding your concern with the practices of Supreme Computer and Electronic Recyclers, Inc. (Supreme).

The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) issued Supreme a Certificate of Authority to Operate in August 2000 which enabled them to participate in a pilot program to determine the feasibility of adding consumer electronics to New Jersey's Universal Waste Rule. On May 17, 2002 I signed an amendment to the Recycling Regulations (N.J.A.C. 7:26A) to include cathode ray tubes and other consumer electronics in the Universal Waste Rule. Universal waste is a Class D recyclable material and any facility processing universal waste must obtain the appropriate approval to operate. In their application for a Class D recycling center application submitted in December 2002, Supreme included a list of end-markets they would use. The Department cannot prohibit a Class D facility from exporting electronic components. We are in the process of verifying that the facility is sending materials to the end-markets listed in their application.

Each year the Department presents awards to individuals, county and local governments, businesses, schools and others who have contributed to the improvement and expansion of New Jersey's recycling program. With the assistance of the Association of New Jersey Recyclers, we solicit nominations throughout the state and ask those submitting nominations to meet specific criteria and to provide sufficient documentation. A committee comprised of Department staff, county and local government recycling officials and private sector representatives reviews the nominations. Supreme's nomination was submitted by a county recycling official and included a list of current customers as well as an evaluation of the amounts being recycled. Upon review of the documentation provided, the committee recommended and the Department concurred in recognizing Supreme with the Recycling Industry award.

I have asked Mr. John Castner, Director of the Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste, to advise you of the outcome of our review of the end-markets used by Supreme. In the interim, if you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Mr. Castner at (609) 984-6880.

Sincerely,


Bradley M. Campbell
Commissioner