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Notice of Withdrawal of PCA Product Stewardship Inc. from Administration of the LightRecycle Washington Program

Dear LightRecycle Washington Participant,

PCA Product Stewardship, Inc. ("PCA-USA") is writing to inform you that PCA-USA will conclude its role as administrator of the LightRecycle Washington (LRW) program on December 31, 2025.

Since 2015, PCA-USA has administered the LRW program, helping Participants meet their regulatory obligations by providing residents across Washington with a safe and convenient way to manage end-of-life mercury-containing lights. Throughout this time, Participants (Producers, Distributors acting as Producers, and Remitting Retailers) have played a vital role in maintaining a successful and compliant program under evolving market and regulatory conditions.

Recent changes to Washington State law (House Bill 1185) extended the program mandate to 2035. However, PCA-USA has determined that continuing as program administrator is not sustainable under the new framework. As a result, PCA-USA will conclude its role as administrator of the LRW program on December 31, 2025.

Environmental Handling Charges (EHCs) until December 31st, 2025:

- Participants must continue to collect EHCs for remittance to PCA-USA for all sales of program products through December 31, 2025.
- Participants must ensure that all sales reports and EHC remittances for sales up to December 31, 2025 are submitted to PCA-USA by January 31, 2026, in accordance with the EHC Policy and Participant Agreement.
- PCA-USA will issue final reporting reminders and notices before year-end.
- In early 2026, PCA-USA will complete a final reconciliation of EHC reports and remittances and communicate any remaining account details directly to Participants.

Please note that while PCA-USA's administration of the program will end on December 31, 2025, Participant Agreements remain in effect until all reporting, payment, and reconciliation activities are fully completed.

For questions about current LRW operations, EHC reporting, or remittances up to December 31, 2025, please contact info@lightrecycle.org.

What Happens Next?

The Washington State Department of Ecology has indicated that transition plans are being developed and that stakeholders, including Participants, will be notified as more information becomes available.

Ecology has confirmed that, as required by Law, EHCs will continue to apply on the sale of mercury-containing lights in Washington State after December 31, 2025. However, the EHCs will no longer be remitted to PCA-USA once its administration ends. Ecology will provide further information regarding future remittance arrangements as these plans are finalized. In the meantime, Participants are advised to retain all relevant sales and EHC records, as Ecology may request this information to support the transition to a new program administrator.

For questions about future program administration and transition planning, please contact:

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We thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Sincerely,

PCA Product Stewardship, Inc.

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