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Memorandum

To: Cooperative Extension Directors
Cooperative Extension Pesticide Coordinators

County Managers
County Solid Waste Directors
Recycling Coordinators
Other Interested Parties

CC: Jim Cummings, Bruce Williams, Jim Burnette, Sharron Stewart, and Pesticide Inspector II's

From: Dr. Henry Wade, Environmental Programs Manager

Date: May 12, 2004

Re: Request for county proposals on plastic pesticide container recycling

Plastic pesticide container recycling programs in North Carolina have had another successful year. We greatly appreciate all of the efforts of local county governments, the Cooperative Extension Service, and the environmentally conscientious pesticide users. Estimates indicate that over 302,800 pounds of plastic pesticide containers were recycled statewide during 2003.

Grants from the North Carolina Pesticide Environmental Trust Fund (PETF) have been used to support pesticide container recycling since 1995. To date, 85 North Carolina counties have received grant money to support local plastic pesticide container recycling. The North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is announcing that proposals for plastic pesticide container recycling are currently being accepted for 2004.

Counties that have established effective plastic pesticide container recycling programs have noted the following benefits:

1. reduction of the spatial pressures on landfills,
2. greater compliance with state and federal regulations and laws on the disposal of pesticide containers,
3. reduction in the liabilities of businesses and government,
4. preservation of environmental quality by ensuring that fewer containers are improperly disposed, and

5. greater appreciation of its citizens for the importance of recycling, thereby enhancing other local recycling efforts.

Please consider establishing or enhancing plastic pesticide container recycling in your county while money from the PETF is being offered to you. Counties that want to establish new recycling programs will be given priority. For counties that already have existing programs, a request for additional money may be submitted provided that a detailed plan for expansion or enhancement is provided. Please note that a county's past compliance with respect to submission of annual reports and financial receipts will be considered when deciding which counties should be funded for 2004. No more than \$12,500 will be awarded to any one local program. If a county requests the maximum award, a strong need must be documented.

When you submit your request for grant money, please remember to have signed commitments from all program cooperators (i.e., CES, Solid Waste, or other local agencies). Justification must be provided for all financial assistance requested. Local government must describe a plan for achieving a self-supporting or sustainable container-recycling program based on local resources.

Some of the items you might need for your program include storage containers to hold empty pesticide containers, bags, and pressure rinse nozzles. Some vendors listed below may have the supplies you need (the prices are possibly not current). The listing of these companies does not imply endorsement by the state of North Carolina or discrimination against companies not listed.

International Shipping Co.

910 395 6530

shipping containers:

20 feet long \$1000 to \$1200

40 feet long \$1600 to \$1800

Storage Revolution, Inc.

866 222 2299

moveable cubicle:

20 feet long \$1700 painted; \$1500 unpainted

40 feet long \$2200 painted; \$1900 unpainted

Pan Ridge Leasing and Sales

252 943 3379

shipping containers

20 feet long \$1800

40 feet long \$2100

Potter Tire and Oil

shipping containers:

800 962 8473

Cxpress

shipping containers

800 394 2977

Bes-Pac

roll-off type containers

30 cubic yard \$4100+

864 850 6046

USAg Recycling, Inc., the Ag Container Recycling Council-approved contractor for North Carolina, has a list of vendors that can be found at the following web address:

<http://www.usagrecycling.com/schedule/nc/nc.shtml>.

If you have any questions regarding the North Carolina Plastic Pesticide Container Recycling Program or the grant application process, please do not hesitate to call me for assistance. Please send your grant application to this office by July 7, 2004. No applications submitted after this deadline will be considered.