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Dear,

A variety of policies and programs have developed over the past decade in response to the need to reduce waste and exercise principles of toxics reduction, resource efficiency and pollution prevention. Canadian governments have adopted the concept of linking consumers and producers with the cost of post-consumer management of waste and have focused efforts on product stewardship or extended producer responsibility. Existing initiatives in Canada address a wide range of product and packaging waste streams including refrigerants, electronics, oil, tires, paint, batteries, pharmaceuticals and beverage containers.

While all approaches to waste reduction have achieved success, differing standards between jurisdictions have sometimes caused difficulty for consumers and industry. As a result, various sectors have called on governments to better coordinate their approaches to waste reduction.

From March 6 to 8, 2002, Manitoba Conservation and Environment Canada are hosting the "**Second National Workshop on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)**", featuring international and Canadian speakers from a wide range of disciplines. Industry, government and stewardship organizations will come together at The Hotel Fort Garry in Winnipeg, Manitoba to discuss and debate existing and upcoming approaches to waste minimization. In particular, the workshop will provide a forum to:

- Share information and perspectives on Canadian and international EPR programs, policies and planned initiatives;
- Improve inter-jurisdictional cooperation and communication on EPR Programs to enhance product steward responsibilities for designated products or materials in Canada; and
- Improve the performance and measurement of existing and planned EPR programs.

On behalf of the organizing committee, we extend to you an invitation to participate in what promises to be a very stimulating and informative workshop. See you in Winnipeg in March 2002.

Yours sincerely,

Norman B. Brandson
Deputy Minister
Manitoba Conservation

Yours sincerely,

Barry Stemshorn
Assistant Deputy Minister
Environmental Protection Service
Environment Canada

Enclosures



RSVP FAX-BACK FORM

EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY 2ND NATIONAL WORKSHOP

HOTEL FORT GARRY
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA
MARCH 6-8, 2002

- You have been invited to attend the 2002 National EPR Workshop.
- Workshop attendance is by invite only. Space is limited to 100 participants.
- Space for information and display booths is available upon request.
- RSVP now to reserve your place. No registration fees apply.

FAX RSVP TO JIM FERGUSON BY FEBRUARY 21, 2002
FAX NUMBER: (204) 945-1211

RSVP RESPONSE:

- Yes, I will attend.
- I would like vegetarian meals.
- I will bring a display booth.
- No, I will NOT attend.

FIRST NAME:	LAST NAME:	
TITLE:	PHONE:	FAX:
ORGANIZATION:	EMAIL:	
ADDRESS:		
CITY:	PROVINCE:	
POSTAL CODE:	COUNTRY:	

For additional workshop details, please call:

Jim Ferguson (204) 945-7042 Manitoba Department of Conservation
Duncan Bury (819) 953-0459 Environment Canada

Guests are responsible for their own travel and accommodations. A limited number of rooms at the Hotel Fort Garry will be set aside until February 5, 2002 under the group name of "Manitoba Conservation."

Call for hotel reservations: 1 (800) 665-8088 (toll-free) or (204) 942-8251