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Sent Via E-Mail

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Dear Mr. Maliska:

The purpose of this email is to let you know that the federal Environmental Protection Agency has identified mercury recyclers as a target group for possible inspection by that agency in the upcoming year. Other details of these possible inspections have not been provided. We do not know if the emphasis will be on permitted facilities, large quantity handlers, or smaller handler/transporter operations.

Chapter 62-737, Florida Administrative Code, regulates the recycling of mercury-containing lamps and devices. The regulation can be found here: <https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ChapterHome.asp?Chapter=62-737>. Two fact sheets about managing lamps and devices are included for your review.

We do not want these inspections to take you by surprise or create undue stress on your normal operations. We know that the mercury recyclers in Florida are committed to providing excellent service and meeting regulations to the best of their ability. This is an opportunity for Florida mercury recyclers to show that we have a robust and successful mercury recycling program that covers our whole state.

Thank you for the service you provide. If we can help prepare you in any way for a possible inspection, please contact our staff in Tallahassee with specific questions. If it is a question about **registration, transporting or handling**, please contact Laurie Tenace at Laurie.Tenace@dep.state.fl.us or 850-245-8759. If it is a question about your **permit**, please contact Tony Tripp at Anthony.Tripp@dep.state.fl.us or 850-245-8766.

Sincerely,

Tim J. Bahr, P.G.
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