



March 7, 2018

Ms. Tammie Hynum
Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
5301 Northshore Drive
North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317

Dear Tammie:

Please accept this letter as a request for consideration to revise Regulation 36, specifically 36.114 Administrative Incentive Grants, subsection (B).

Our particular interest is in the area market and economic stimulus incentives. The regulation states that the Director has discretion on the use of Used Tire Recycling Fund monies for the provision of grants for market and economic stimulus incentives, and that those grants are limited to applications from an eligible used-tire program, local government, or state agency, board or commission. We would respectfully request that an additional category of eligible applicants be considered:

(4) An Arkansas non-profit corporation whose mission is dedicated to recycling-related programs.

Our reasoning is this. In the course of developing more cohesive, inter-related and effective recycling programs for the state of Arkansas, we have recognized the need for research, education, program testing, promotion and inter-district implementation. In order to develop programs with the greatest opportunity to positively impact the entire state, and the statewide protection of the public health and environment, the recruitment of and support by private industry is essential. This recognition further incorporates environmental programs, particularly recycling and the beneficial use of recyclable material, into an overall economic development strategy, rather than a simply a regulatory one.

We believe that allowing Arkansas non-profit corporations whose mission incorporates the opportunity for the above strategy could be helpful. And we recommend this category of possible applicants to you for the development of effective and efficient market and economic stimulus incentives.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig", written over a faint, larger version of the same name.

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Executive Director

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