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**NOTICE: DELAWARE BUSINESSES REQUIRED TO RECYCLE
STARTING JANUARY 1, 2014**

To: Delaware Businesses, Not-for-Profits, and Institutions

The Delaware Solid Waste Recycling Law, 7 Del. C. § 6053 (d), requires that “...the commercial sector implement comprehensive recycling no later than January 1, 2014.”

In the report “Recommendations for Implementing Universal Recycling in Delaware’s Commercial Sector” mandated by the Delaware Solid Waste Recycling Law, ‘Commercial Sector’ is defined as ‘any for profit or not-for-profit retail or wholesale stores, offices, food service establishments, warehouses, and other manufacturing, industrial or processing activities, and institutions such as social, charitable, educational, health care, professional and government services.’ In effect, this broad definition means all for-profit and non-profit businesses and organizations need to implement a comprehensive recycling program and take advantage of the growing recycling opportunities available throughout Delaware.

For more information about recycling in Delaware or to view the Commercial Report, please visit our website at: www.recycling.delaware.gov. There you will find helpful toolkits for various business sectors, the How to Recycle Guide, information on recycling grant opportunities, and more. To help small businesses that may be unsure how to implement a recycling program, the DSWA and DNREC offer free waste assessments wherein a non-regulatory, informal analysis of your waste stream and waste management practices is conducted and helpful recommendations are provided. Contact DSWA at 800-404-7080 for more information.

The goal of Universal Recycling is to create an economy of scale wherein a dramatic increase in recycling occurs in the most cost effective manner achievable while simultaneously creating job opportunities and significantly reducing Delaware’s rate of waste disposal. Recycling also conserves valuable natural resources and energy, and takes responsibility for our waste today as opposed to making it the burden of future generations. Designing an effective waste reduction program will ensure that you comply with the Delaware Solid Waste Recycling Law, will help reduce your waste stream, and has real potential for waste disposal savings.

If at any time you have questions about recycling in the commercial sector or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 739-9403. Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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