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Subject: Permit Integrity Team - Priority Areas & Next Steps

Dear RCRA Permit Writers,

As you may remember, back in September, we asked for your input on several issues identified in the RCRA permitting program to assist with setting priorities for national resolution. We would like to thank you again for providing us input on and want to update you regarding the outcome of our decision.

After gathering state and regional input on issues impacting the RCRA permitting program, EPA's Permit Integrity Team (PIT) considered in which issue areas the program could make achievable gains in FY18. This included assessing available expertise, resources, as well as where we could leverage existing and ongoing efforts in the program.

The PIT has chosen to name RCRA Organic Air Emission Standards (AA/BB/CC) and Land Disposal Restrictions (LDR) as the RCRA permit program priority areas for FY18. As a first step towards addressing these issues, we are forming two workgroups and inviting volunteers from the states, particularly those with expertise in those areas, to participate. For those interested in participating in the RCRA Organic Air Emission Standards Workgroup, please contact Lilybeth Colón at colon.lilybeth@epa.gov<mailto:colon.lilybeth@epa.gov> by COB January 12, 2018. For those interested in

participating in the LDRs Workgroup, please contact Jeff Gaines at gaines.jeff@epa.gov<mailto:gaines.jeff@epa.gov> by COB January 12, 2018.

Regarding the other two issue areas, the PIT determined that only targeted efforts focusing on affected Regions are needed for Thermal Desorption Units (TDUs) and that more information is needed prior to determining future action on Post-Closure Care. For this year, we plan to scope our efforts in these areas to include for TDUs, assessing whether national guidance is necessary, and for Post-Closure Care, developing a consistent way in RCRAInfo to accurately reflect the current status of facilities in post-closure care.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you and happy holidays!

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