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Midwest Regional Electronics Waste Initiative:

I am taking this opportunity for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to show its support for the Midwest Electronic Waste Policy Statement, developed by its member states of Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

The primary goal of the Initiative is to seek common solutions to the problem of end-of-life handling of electronic consumer products (e-waste). We look forward to model legislation for each state to consider that includes a level of responsibility by the manufacturers of these devices. As more states adopt e-waste legislation independently, the need for a coordinated national or regional approach becomes more apparent.

Illinois citizens and businesses look forward to reasonable solutions to deal with their unusable electronic products, most notably computers and televisions, and continue to look to governments to provide environmentally safe, low-cost recycling options. I trust that this cooperative venture among these state government agencies will lead to a better way to manage this waste stream.

The success that the Initiative has had so far may lead to additional states following the same direction. This should be a very positive outcome to provide a more comprehensive and standardized system through much of the country. Thank you all for your efforts.

Sincerely,

Douglas P. Scott
Director