



# Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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RE: Response to Request for Approval to Change the Architectural Paint Stewardship Assessment

Dear Mr. Pincuspy:

On November 14, 2016, PaintCare submitted a request to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) to increase the architectural paint stewardship assessment that finances PaintCare's operations in the state. The MPCA accepted public comments on the request (comments may be accessed at): <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/quick-links/paint>).

Following the MPCA's evaluation of the request and review of the public comments, the MPCA is approving the fee increase as proposed by PaintCare for a period extending through June 30, 2019. By April 1, 2019, PaintCare shall review the financial impact of the temporary fee increase and if necessary, submit a proposal to MPCA requesting continuance of the increased fee. Should the increased fee no longer be necessary, it will revert to its previous level as of July 1, 2019.

According to the projected financial information submitted by PaintCare, the increase of the assessment for two years will enable PaintCare to erase the current budget deficit and enable the building of a small reserve. The MPCA recognizes the challenge of projecting, not only sales of paint in the state but the amount of paint that is collected annually, a dynamic that was a determining factor triggering the request for the increase in the assessment. This uncertainty underscores the need for a review in two years to ensure the level of assessment is meeting the needs of the program and is not inadvertently over collecting the amount needed.

Thank you again for your time and effort during the tenure of the paint stewardship program in Minnesota. We are looking forward to working with you to continue the success of the PaintCare program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kirk Koudelka", is written over a horizontal line.

Kirk Koudelka  
Assistant Commissioner  
Commissioners Office

cc: David Benke, MPCA  
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