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James Rilett  
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Dear James Rilett:

Thank you for your email of December 30, 2023, and attached “Nova Scotia Stewardship Program Plan for Batteries” by Call2Recycle Canada. The program plan submitted on behalf of the identified brand owners aligns with their obligations outlined in recent changes to the *Solid Waste-Resource Management Regulations*.

On August 2, 2023, I was pleased to announce that Nova Scotia is taking significant steps forward in its commitment to reduce waste and promote better ways to use and take care of resources with the introduction of new extended producer responsibility (EPR) programs for batteries, lamps, and small household electric appliances, as well as packaging, paper products and other blue bag materials. This announcement followed up on our commitment in the *Environmental Goals and Climate Change Reduction Act* to encourage the growth of the circular economy including through expanding EPR.

I am also pleased to have received the proposed Stewardship Plan for Batteries in response to the introduction of EPR. Your plan to collect and recycle batteries is approved, as it meets the obligations of your brand owners as required under sections 18AA through 18AD of the *Solid Waste Resource Management Regulations*.

Please contact Bob Kenney, Recycling Development Officer, at 902-499-2178 if you require any clarification or follow-up. I look forward to the implementation of this plan which provides for a sustainable regulated battery EPR program in Nova Scotia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. Halman'.

Honourable Timothy Halman, MLA  
Minister of Environment and Climate Change

c: Robert Kenney, Environment and Climate Change