

## Notice of 60-day Open Application Period for Covered Electronic Recyclers

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection ("CT DEEP") hereby announces its plan to open the application period for all prospective electronics recyclers interested to become a Connecticut-approved Covered Electronic Recycler ("CER"), and for existing CERs to renew their approval pursuant to [section 22a-638-1\(b\)\(2\)\(A\) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies \("RCSA"\)](#).

The CT DEEP commissioner has prescribed new application forms to apply to become a CER or renew an existing CER approval. These new forms will be posted on the CT DEEP's web site under [Recycler Information](#) by the first day of the open application period. CT DEEP will only accept the newly prescribed application forms for review.

**The application period will be open for 60 days, beginning on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 and ending at the close of business on Friday, January 29, 2016.**

The purpose of opening the application period annually is to:

- 1) seek applications from prospective recyclers that want to apply to become a CER under the [State-wide Electronics Recycling Program](#);
- 2) maintain a competitive marketplace to ensure a high level of service to the public and municipalities and to ensure that CER prices are consistent with prevailing rates charged in the industry; and
- 3) seek renewal applications including proposed reimbursement fees from existing CERs.

### For Prospective Recyclers:

Please note that it is critical that each applicant closely reads and follows the instructions provided by CT DEEP to ensure each application is complete with ALL of the required information. CT DEEP encourages recyclers to submit their application materials as early as possible after the application period opens, but not later than the deadline of January 29, 2016. It is not anticipated that any applicant or CER will be able to revise their submission or proposed reimbursement fees after this deadline. An informational teleconference will be held on December 2, 2015 at the CT DEEP offices at 10am EST, and all prospective applicants are encouraged to participate by phone. Interested parties should dial 866-712-2081 and enter passcode 1754584.

Please note the list of common deficiencies/issues below that were identified as a result of applications previously submitted by prospective recyclers:

- 1) Not following the instructions provided by CT DEEP;
- 2) Missing procedures to ensure that CEDs are managed properly at initial collection locations;
- 3) Missing procedures to ensure CEDs are tracked separately from non-CEDs for billing purposes;
- 4) Missing detailed descriptions of activities including process flow chart(s) that identifies ALL upstream collection points and ALL downstream partners that a CER plans to work with to recycle or dispose of CEDs or components of CEDs from the point of initial collection until CEDs and components of CEDs are processed into raw materials or products;
- 5) Missing disclosures of end processors of raw materials that are being made into new products (CRT glass markets);
- 6) Missing or incomplete Attachment D forms for certain recycling or disposal facilities that receive "materials of concern", especially for downstream partners;
- 7) Missing detailed descriptions for the management of waste or residue generated from recycling processes;
- 8) Missing evidence of minimum insurance coverage (including Commercial General Liability and Pollution Legal Liability), closure plan and financial assurance, as applicable, especially for downstream recycling or disposal partners; and
- 9) Missing or incomplete "Compliance History" information on the CER and upstream or downstream partners, as applicable.

**For Existing CERs:**

During this application period, all [currently approved CERs](#) interested in renewing their approval, shall submit a renewal application including proposed reimbursement fees. The application form (for becoming a new or renewing CER) that is posted on the CT DEEP's web site under [Recycler Information](#) functions as the renewal application for existing CERs. Most supporting documentation is not required to be resubmitted for existing CERs. Follow the instructions for completing a renewal application.

Renewal applications allow for only one potential change: proposed reimbursement fees. All other changes to an existing CER approval must be made through the modification process in accordance with RCSA section 22a-638-1(b)(8)&(9). Modifications are processed separately from renewal applications.

**Fees for Recycling and Separation:**

All prospective and renewing applicants must submit proposed reimbursement fees as part of the application in accordance with RCSA sections 22a-638-1(b)(3)(H)&(I) during the 60-day open application period. Any prospective or existing CER may be denied or have its approval revoked based on the reimbursement fees proposed during this open application period.

For additional information including recycler application forms and detailed application instructions, please visit CT DEEP's website at [www.ct.gov/dep/e-waste](http://www.ct.gov/dep/e-waste) or contact Mark Latham via email at [mark.latham@ct.gov](mailto:mark.latham@ct.gov) or by phone at 860-418-5930.