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Policy Decision Notice:

Title:

Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Program

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Ministry:

Ministry of the Environment

Date Decision loaded to the

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July 10, 2008

Date Proposal loaded to the

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April 09, 2008

Keyword(s): Waste Diversion | Waste **Related Act(s):** Waste Diversion Act, 2002

Decision on Policy:

On July 9, 2008, Minister Gerretsen approved the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) program as submitted by Waste Diversion Ontario on March 31, 2008.

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Comment(s) Received on the Proposal: 26

Public Consultation on the proposal for this decision was provided for 30 Days, from April 09, 2008 to May 09, 2008.

As a result of public consultation on the proposal, the Ministry received a total of 26 comments: 18 comments were received in writing and 8 were received online.

Additionally, a copy of all comments are available for public viewing by contacting the Contact person listed in this notice.

A selection of these comments are available:

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Effect(s) of Consultation on this Decision:

The majority of the comments received were from industry stakeholders that were directly involved in the program's development. Comments were also received from municipalities and their associations, and from the electronic waste management companies and the general public.

1. [Program Plan](#)
2. [Appendices](#)
3. [Consultation Document](#)

4. [Overview](#)

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In general there is strong support for an industry-funded diversion program for waste electronics and for the anticipated outcomes of the program.

Municipalities and the public are supportive of the WEEE program since it embodies the principle of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) in which industry takes greater responsibility for waste resulting from their products.

Industry is supportive of stewardship responsibility for end-of-life electronics. Industry also expressed the desire that Ontario continues to work cooperatively with other provincial authorities to harmonize approaches to end-of-life electronics across Canada.

Some electronic waste management companies were supportive of the program. Others expressed concern about the potential effect of the program to their existing business and suggested that the program intervenes within the marketplace. This suggestion was also raised during program development and has been addressed in the submitted program.

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