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MEMORANDUM

TO: Environmental Committee

FROM: Joy Hinz, Environmental & Sustainability Programs Manager

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RE: Portable and Medium-Format Battery Stewardship Act

On May 24, 2024, the Illinois General Assembly passed the Portable and Medium-Format Battery Stewardship Act. Upon signature of the Governor, the Act will require that battery producers implement a stewardship plan to collect and recycle portable and medium-format batteries. No person will be able to sell covered batteries or battery containing products that are covered under the Act unless they are part of a stewardship plan which includes the collection and recycling of batteries. A landfill ban and proper labeling will follow with effective dates January 1, 2028, and January 1, 2029. The legislation includes minimum collection sites based on population for portable batteries and at least ten permanent collection sites in Illinois and one in every county with a population of at least 200,000 for medium-format batteries.

Education and outreach including the development and maintenance of a website, periodic press releases and articles, social media and other relevant media and other promotional materials must be provided by the stewardship organization.

In addition to this legislation, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has received funding from the U.S. Department of Energy for the enhanced collection and recycling of batteries throughout the State. The grant performance period is up to 36 months from grant agreement.

For reference a *portable battery* means the following primary or rechargeable batteries: (1) for rechargeable batteries, a battery weighing no more than 11 pounds and having a rating of no more than 300-watt hour; (2) for primary batteries, a battery weighing no more than 4.4 pounds.

A *medium-format battery* means the following primary or rechargeable covered batteries: (1) for rechargeable batteries, a battery weighing more than 11 pounds or having a rating of more than 300 watt-hours, or both, and no more than 25 pounds and having a rating of no more than 2,000 watt-hours; (2) for primary batteries, a battery weighting at least 4.4 pounds but not more than 25 pounds.