



Ms. Glenda Gies  
Chair  
Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority  
4711 Yonge Street, Suite 1102  
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**Re: Access to reserves held by Stewardship Ontario**

Dear Ms. Gies:

Automotive Materials Stewardship represents stewards of Antifreeze, Oil Containers and Oil Filters who are members of our Industry Stewardship Plan (ISP).

Since the launch of the Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste (MHSW) program in 2008 until April 1<sup>st</sup> of this year, Stewardship Ontario was the only organization through which stewards of these materials could fulfill their stewardship obligations. During that time, the automotive material categories have collectively accumulated over \$2.4 million in reserves according to Stewardship Ontario's most recent annual report.

Having commenced operations, we wanted to reach out to you regarding the possibility of accessing our members' proportionate share of the Stewardship Ontario reserves for the material categories that we manage under our ISP. We currently represent approximately 60% in aggregate of the total quantity supplied each year for these material categories. In addition, we expect more stewards will transition from the MHSW Program to AMS over time. As such, the Stewardship Ontario accumulated reserve will be out of proportion to any anticipated future needs of those stewards that remain in the SO program.

To operate responsibly, AMS will begin accumulating its own reserves, but given that our stewards have already contributed to significant reserves at Stewardship Ontario we feel that it is an excessive burden on our community to accumulate reserves twice. A proportionate reallocation of the Stewardship Ontario accumulated reserve seems to be a fair use of those funds that rightfully have been contributed to by our community of stewards.

We recognize that there will be a transition to the new legislation in the coming months and years, but we wanted to reach out to make this request to the Authority as you and the Ministry of Environment & Climate Change work through plans for transition.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bert Verriet  
Chair

c. Geoff Rathbone, Acting CEO, Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority  
John Coyne, Chair, Stewardship Ontario