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Steve Taylor  
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Dear Mr. Taylor,

Sometime in mid-2017, the Chinese Government announced that China will no longer take recyclables from the USA that don't meet an impossible standard of quality. This announcement caused panic and confusion in the recycling marketplace in the Northwest. China consumed around 50% of the recyclables from the West Coast.

The fact that the Northwest has paper mills has helped stabilize the paper markets. However, there are no plastics processors in the Northwest that make new plastics out of used. There is thousands of tons of used plastic with no place to go to be processed. Therefore, at this time, there is no viable market for any plastics at this time. Waste Control Recycling has no choice but to remove the plastics containers in the Kelso Drop-off program until further notice. We will store the containers until the plastic markets return in the foreseeable future.

This removal will happen beginning in November 2018. Waste Control Recycling will also have signs made for each drop site and will announce to the public this change through newspaper and radio ads. We will continue to communicate with you about the recycling markets and hope this to be a short-term issue.

Sincerely,

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