Dear Recycling Broker/Processor:

The Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) and Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) invite you to participate in a statewide recycling survey.

The purpose of this survey is to collect data on the amounts and types of materials brokers and processors recycled in Ohio in 2016. SWACO is required to document its recycling efforts in an annual report to Ohio EPA. SWACO uses the data it receives through surveys to complete that report. By submitting data, your business can help SWACO meet its reporting requirements. Your data will also help SWACO track its progress towards meeting local and state recycling goals.

Why is your business being surveyed?

Your business is located in or near Franklin County. SWACO facilitates recycling and reduction efforts for commercial and industrial businesses, institutions, residents, and schools. In order to determine what programs make the most sense and whether programs are achieving intended results, SWACO needs to know what and how much material was recycled.

Your completed survey will help SWACO better understand recycling in Franklin County. Submitting a completed survey also allows your business to connect directly with SWACO who may be able to assist your company with its recycling needs.

How do I participate in the survey?

You can print and fill out a hard copy or download a Microsoft Word fillable form from Ohio EPA's survey webpage – whichever is easier for you. Click on the arrow next to the county your business is located in and select the correct survey for your business. When you are done, you can either mail or email the completed survey to SWACO. Instructions for completing and returning the survey are provided on the survey form.

What happens to my data?

SWACO will combine your data with data it receives from other businesses and submit the combined data in its annual report to Ohio EPA. Ohio EPA will use the data to calculate recycling rates for SWACO. SWACO's 2015 data is posted on Ohio EPA's webpage along with the survey forms. To see that data, click on "View Previous Year's Survey Results." Ohio EPA will also combine the data reported by all solid waste management districts to calculate a recycling rate for Ohio.

Who do I contact for more information?

Please contact Albert Iosue, Programs Administrator for SWACO, with any questions regarding the survey. Albert can be reached at (614) 801-6408 or albert.iosue@swaco.org. For questions about the survey website, please contact Ernie Stall at Ohio EPA. You can reach Ernie at ernest.stall@epa.ohio.gov or (614) 728-5356.

Please complete and return the survey to SWACO by **February 27, 2017**.

Thank you for your time and participation.

Sincerely,

Ty Marsh, Executive Director
Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio