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Ms. Diane Marret
CPNA Director of Sustainability, Berry Global Inc.
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Dear Ms. Marret:

APR, the Association of Plastic Recyclers, is pleased to recognize Berry Global's PE tube made from HDPE and LLDPE, 7.6% or less ethylene vinyl alcohol barrier layer and tie layer, direct printed flexographic or silk screen UV-cured ink decoration, and with a HDPE insert and Berry Global's PE tube made from HDPE with direct printed flexographic or silk screen UV-cured ink decoration and with a HDPE insert as meeting or exceeding APR's HDPE-CG-01, *Critical Guidance Protocol for HDPE Colored or Natural Bottles with Resin Additives, Barriers, Layers or Closures*, most strict requirements and hereby so states. This APR recognition is based on the technical recyclability of the packaging tube innovation with HDPE bottles.

A Review Committee, appointed per the APR Recognition Operating Procedures, reviewed your July 23, 2020 data submission and concluded the data were correctly obtained by a qualified laboratory and were completely presented to show the tubes submitted meet or exceed the required test conditions and strictest applicable APR Critical Guidance criteria.

This APR Recognition applies to the tubes for which data were submitted excluding any closure. The HDPE Critical Guidance document that were used to evaluate the tubes is the product of a multi-industry consensus process to identify and address certain key technical considerations related to the recycling of postconsumer HDPE bottles. The document directs innovators to conduct specific testing per established testing procedures and then provide the innovator with guidance to interpret the results. The protocols are intended to help improve the quality of the recycled packaging stream by aiding innovators to make informed decisions about the consequences of packaging innovations. APR thanks Berry Global for voluntarily submitting these packaging tubes for Recognition. The impact of these protocols is beneficial to world-wide recycling efforts. Meeting the Critical Guidance document guidelines are truly significant steps in demonstrating overall recyclability of your tubes and decoration.

Our recognition applies only to the decorated tubes. While this Recognition speaks to the compatibility of your tubes with HDPE bottle recycling, it does not speak to collection of used tubes or include other tubes in the market that may conflict with the HDPE bottle recycling process. We encourage Berry Global to be sure in its packaging information that the public does not misunderstand that this Recognition applies to look-alike tubes or to believe collection is happening when it is not.

Yours truly

Executive Director

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