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Frank Gouveia
Affordable Computer Technology, Inc.
15 Union Street
Lawrence, MA 01840

Dear Mr. Gouveia:

This letter is in response to your letter dated March 18, 2004 in which you described your electronic scrap business. As you explain, Affordable Computer Technology, Inc. (ACT) accepts and recycles obsolete or unused electronic equipment including computer monitors (CRTs). ACT evaluates this equipment as received and determines whether or not each item is resalable. Those items with market value are resold, while those that are determined to not have market value are dismantled and placed in separate categories. ACT does not in any way break, shred, crush or bail CRTs. CRTs are either resold or sent to a licensed glass recycler. You asked whether such CRT related activity requires a permit or license.

Intact CRTs, as defined in the Massachusetts Hazardous Waste Regulations at 310 CMR 30.010, are not regulated as hazardous waste in Massachusetts, therefore as long as you limit your handling activities to intact CRTs you would not need to notify the Department as a hazardous waste generator, or apply for and obtain a permit for the above described activity. However, crushed or ground-up CRTs are a regulated hazardous waste and must be managed in accordance with 310 CMR 30.000. The Department realizes that in the course of transportation and normal handling some "incidental" breakage of CRTs may occur; these may be managed as intact CRTs.

Should you have any further questions, please contact Joseph Tepper at (617) 292-5905.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James D. Miller".

James D. Miller, Chief
Waste Branch
Bureau of Waste Prevention