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Dear Mr. Silberstein,

As part of a legislated mandate (Senate Bill 966), the California Integrated Waste Management Board worked since the beginning of 2008 to develop the enclosed Criteria and Procedures document for model pharmaceutical collection programs. It appears that your pharmacy is one of only two in California that currently follows these specific guidelines, but I would appreciate your continued diligence to ensure compliance as a model program. I would like to include your pharmacy in a report to the California Legislature (due by December 1, 2010) that will analyze the effectiveness, cost, accessibility, and safety of your pharmaceutical collection program.

I have added your information to our online database (<http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/hhw/healthcare/collection>). We get approximately 74 visitors per month visiting our site looking for sharps disposal sites in Orange County and approximately 20 visitors per month looking for pharmaceutical disposal sites in Orange County. Until I added your pharmacy to our site, we only had three other sites (not including Curbside Inc.). If even a portion of those visitors every month becomes a new customer visiting your pharmacy, you may begin to see an increase in sales over time.

As I may have mentioned over the phone, I would also recommend that you contact [earth911.com](http://earth911.com), your county household hazardous waste program, any local hospice care providers, and any other local groups or agencies that work with sharps and pharmaceuticals. I also may have mentioned that the Orange County Sanitation District ([www.ocsd.com](http://www.ocsd.com)) developed a public service announcement that may be able to be used to get the word out that your site collects sharps and pharmaceuticals. The contact at the Orange County Sanitation District is Tom Gaworski, Principal Environmental Specialist. Tom heads their pharmaceutical program. I expect to get a copy of the video soon and I will let you know what I find.

Thank you for your efforts in sharps and pharmaceutical collection and please feel free to contact me if you have any comments or questions.

Sincerely,

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