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SUBJECT: Stericycle Joins Wisconsin's Green Tier

YORKVILLE – Stericycle, Inc., a leader in providing services to protect people and reduce risk for the healthcare community, and the holder of a proprietary technology for treatment of medical waste, today became the latest company in Wisconsin to be welcomed into the state's Green Tier program.

Representatives of the DNR welcomed Stericycle with a celebration today at the company's facility in Yorkville. Stericycle, which provides treatment of medical waste and also offers services for OSHA regulatory compliance, is the second participant in less than a month to be admitted to Green Tier. Green Tier is Wisconsin's nationally recognized program that provides incentives to organizations that perform beyond compliance minimums.

As a Green Tier participant, Stericycle pledges to add to its already impressive environmental performance. The company will strive to reduce consumption of energy and water in facility buildings, improve fuel efficiency in vehicles and increase recycling of wastes such as packaging materials. Stericycle will also push to improve the environmental performance of its customers.

Stericycle has committed itself to environmental excellence since its founding in 1989. Its patented Electro Thermal Deactivation (ETD) process heats medical waste with low-frequency radio waves to destroy potential pathogens, and is a proven and safe method for treating medical waste. Stericycle also offers environmental education and training for customers. These programs help customers understand regulatory requirements, lessen the waste they generate, properly segregate waste streams and dispose of non-medical and other hazardous wastes. Stericycle also makes extensive use of re-usable containers in its operations to eliminate tons of plastic and corrugated materials from entering landfills around the country. This includes the Stericycle Bio Systems sharps management program, a re-useable sharps container service for hospitals. In addition, Stericycle operates an electronic manifest archive that reduces paper usage for Stericycle and its customers. This service is currently expanding to Wisconsin customers after being introduced in Illinois.

"Stericycle can have a big impact on environmental excellence in Wisconsin," said DNR Secretary Matthew Frank. "Responsibly handling medical waste is extremely important, but Stericycle can have an even bigger impact as it teaches customers about the best practices they can use for disposing of wastes. That spirit of collaborating to realize environmental gain is at the heart of Green Tier."

Green Tier was signed into law in 2004 to encourage a collaborative approach to environmental performance between the DNR and Wisconsin businesses. As part of Green Tier, Wisconsin organizations voluntarily commit to reducing their environmental footprint by developing proactive management strategies. These plans act as a roadmap, presenting organizations the opportunity to adopt new technologies and practices to continually improve their environmental performance.

“Stericycle is honored to be joining the Wisconsin Green Tier Program,” said Mark Miller, President and CEO. “Our company was founded on the idea that the environmentally-responsible management of medical waste is important to our society, and our participation in the Green Tier program re-confirms our commitment to being responsible stewards of the environment. Our unique technologies and services help us achieve our corporate vision of protecting people and reducing risk in the healthcare field and in the local communities in which we operate. All of us at Stericycle look forward to working with the Wisconsin DNR to help make the Green Tier program a success.”

Stericycle is a Tier 1 member of Green Tier. In exchange for a commitment to superior environmental performance, the DNR grants benefits to Tier 1 participants including a single point of contact with the department for easier communications, the use of the Green Tier logo in written marketing materials, deferred enforcement of civil violations, and annual public recognition of participation.

For more information on Green Tier and Stericycle, visit the DNR Web site’s Green Tier page at <http://greentier.wi.gov>.