

# Alert

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***To the immediate attention of the Clerk and Municipal Waste Managers or Recycling Coordinators***

## ***Your Support for the AMO Position on Improving the Efficiency of the Blue Box (TIME SENSITIVE REQUEST)***

**Issue:** AMO/AMRC is requesting your consideration and support of the position paper to Improve the Efficiency of the Blue Box which we have developed to deal with problem materials in the blue box, including clear and coloured glass, large, non-refundable plastic water bottles and other new and emerging materials.

**Background:**

Problem materials in the blue box, including clear and coloured glass, large, non-refundable plastic water bottles and other new and emerging materials are an economic burden falling on the residential property taxpayer which must be addressed through a change in provincial regulation governing these materials, and the establishment of a Deposit-Refund system.

The [AMO/AMRC Position Paper on Improving the Efficiency of the Blue Box](#) was approved in principle by the AMO Board at the June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 meeting, and can be accessed on the AMO website.

**Action:**

AMO asks its members to pass a resolution at Council conveying its support of the position paper prepared by the AMO/AMRC Waste Management Task Force.

Please forward your municipality's resolution by July 30th, 2006, to:

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393 University Avenue, Suite 1701  
Toronto, Ontario M5G 1E6  
Attention: Nicholas Ruder, Policy Intern

or

By Fax to: Nicholas Ruder at 416-971-6191

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