

# ELVS end of life vehicle solutions

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Subject: End of Life Vehicle Solutions Corporation Annual Manufacturers' Implementation Report

Dear Ms. Stiner,

Iowa Administrative Code 567-Chapter 215, "Mercury-Added Switch Recovery from End-of-Life Vehicles", requires vehicle manufacturers to annually report:

- (1) the number of mercury-added switches collected
- (2) an estimate of the amount of mercury contained in the collected switches
- (3) the capture rate
- (4) the estimated number of vehicles manufactured containing mercury added switches; and
- (5) the estimated number of vehicles that have been processed for recycling

This report is provided by End of Life Vehicle Solutions Corporation on behalf of its member automotive companies. The participating members of ELVS are: FCA US LLC (formerly Chrysler Group LLC); Ford Motor Company; Mack Trucks Inc; Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC; Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc; Navistar, Inc.; Nissan North America, Inc; PACCAR, Inc; Porsche Cars North America Inc.; Subaru of America, Inc; Toyota Motor Sales USA, Inc.; Volkswagen Group of America, Inc; Volvo Cars of North America; and Volvo Trucks North America. This report also includes switches from the former MLC (old GM).

## Mercury Switch Collections

For the period December 16, 2015 through December 15, 2016, a total of 6,516 mercury switches were delivered to the ELVS recycling contractor from Iowa dismantlers, yielding 14.34 pounds of recovered mercury. There are 373 registered dismantlers in Iowa, 60 of which submitted switches during this period.

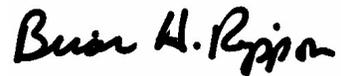
The estimated number of switches available for recovery in Iowa during 2016 was 35,000, resulting in a capture rate during the reporting period of 18.6%. The previous reporting year's capture rate was 31.3%.

ELVS uses the National Vehicle Mercury Switch Recovery Program (NVMSRP) Switch Retirement Model ([www.elvsolutions.org/model.html](http://www.elvsolutions.org/model.html)) approved by the U.S. EPA and program partners to estimate mercury switch populations. The model was developed to identify switch populations and estimate mercury switch retirement rates through 2017. Therefore, the model focuses on mercury switch counts rather than vehicle counts. The model reports that the estimated national total number of mercury switches historically manufactured in vehicles was 169,185,000. Most of the vehicles containing these switches have already been scrapped, with an estimated 1,859,000 switches remaining in today's national fleet for collection (year 2017). Iowa's portion of switches remaining for collection (2017) is estimated at 31,000. The number of mercury switches that were available nationally for recovery in 2016 is estimated to be 2,098,000. In Iowa, 35,000 switches were available for recovery in 2016, while 31,000 switches are expected to be available in 2017.

The information presented here is available through the ELVS website, [www.elvsolutions.org](http://www.elvsolutions.org) with linkage to our contractor's website, <http://www.eqonline.com/services/ELVS-Mercury-Switch-Recovery-Program/annual-report.asp?year=all>. Information is updated daily as additional switches are delivered to our contractor, and is available for downloading into Excel for your convenience. This web-based data tracking system is part of ELVS' commitment to data accessibility, and will be available through 2017.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this report, please contact me at [brelvs@yahoo.com](mailto:brelvs@yahoo.com) or 248-477-7357.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian H. Rippon". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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