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YCUA Takes Proactive Approach to Reducing Mercury Pollution

Ypsilanti, MI – May 19, 2014 – YCUA is taking a proactive approach to reducing mercury pollution in our community. YCUA is working with EQ – The Environmental Quality Company to be a designated drop off-site for mercury containing products. EQ has partnered with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Mercury Collection Program.

The program is free but only available to Michigan businesses and residents. YCUA will accept unbroken mercury containing products from June 1 through August 31, 2014. Examples of eligible mercury containing devices include: thermometers, thermostats, gauges with silver colored liquid inside, hydrometers, etc. The program does NOT include fluorescent bulbs. YCUA will not accept free (elemental) mercury or any other hazardous material.

If you have free mercury or would like to receive a collection kit directly from EQ, please call 877-960-2025 or send an e-mail to mercurybucket@eqonline.com. Mercury containing devices can be dropped off at the YCUA Wastewater Treatment Plant. The treatment plant is located at 2777 State Road in the Township of Ypsilanti. If you would like schedule a drop off, please contact Luther Blackburn by phone at 734-484-4600 Ext. 121 or by email at lblackburn@ycua.org.

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For additional information on mercury pollution and collection, please visit the following webpages:

US Environmental Protection Agency - Mercury Homepage:

<http://www.epa.gov/mercury/index.html>

Michigan Dept. of Environmental Quality - Mercury Homepage:

<http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3307-184041--,00.html>

Washtenaw County - Mercury Homepage:

http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/environmental_health/indoor_air/mercury.html

For more information: www.ycua.org or

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