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FCC AND EPA JOIN FORCES TO EDUCATE CONSUMERS ON DTV TRANSITION ISSUES

Washington, DC -- The Federal Communications Commission and the Environmental Protection Agency are taking steps to provide information to consumers about the upcoming digital television transition.

A two-page fact sheet developed by the two agencies, available at www.fcc.gov/cgb/consumerfacts/dtvrecycle.html, emphasizes that no one will have to replace an analog set and outlines opportunities for recycling for those who want to replace their sets.

The fact sheet is another example of how the FCC is working with other federal, state, local and tribal agencies to minimize the potential burden the digital transition could impose on consumers. It also informs consumers about the benefits of the transition.

After February 17, 2009, all full-power television stations in the United States will operate in digital format only and viewers who receive their television free, over-the-air, using rabbit ears or a roof-top antenna and an analog television set, will have three choices to continue receiving programming: (1) purchase a digital-to-analog converter box, (2) purchase a digital television set or (3) subscribe to a pay service, such as cable or satellite delivery.

For information on the DTV transition, go to www.dtv.gov or call 1-888-CALL-FCC (voice) or 1-888-TELL-FCC (TTY).

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