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**KAMPS PROPANE RECEIVES STATEWIDE AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN  
PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP**

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**Sacramento, CA – August 4, 2015.** Kamps Propane is one of four companies operating in California who will be honored by the **California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC)** during the organization's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Arrow Awards ceremony held at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles on August 6, 2015 at the **California Resource Recovery Association's** 39<sup>th</sup> annual conference and tradeshow.

**Kamps Propane** is the winner of the Bow & Arrow Award for Coalition Building. This award is given to a company or group that has excelled in building partnerships and demonstrating the inter-dependence between producers, distributors, retailers, public agencies and other stakeholders.

Based out of Manteca, CA, Kamps Propane has been providing propane delivery services since 1969, and Pick Up Propane is Kamps' propane tank exchange operation. According to Kamps Propane, an estimated 4 million one-pound cylinders are sold in the California every year. One-pound propane gas cylinders are used to fuel portable stoves, heaters, lanterns and chefs torches to powering small engines on boats, lawn care equipment, scooters and ice drills. Since the process for recycling the cylinders is expensive, they believe at least 30 percent are used, thrown away, and not recycled. Because they are considered hazardous waste, when they are brought to household hazardous waste facilities they require special handling. Pick Up Propane recycles used one-pound cylinders for its customers at an average cost of \$1.25 per cylinder. **“As a result of seeing the impacts of large numbers of disposable gas cylinders in the waste stream, Kamps Propane has chosen to offer the new refillable one-pound propane gas cylinders, not because it's a road to riches but because it's the a way to reduce waste associated with the use of our product,”** according to Josh Simpson, Marketing Director for Kamps Propane and Pick Up Propane.

Kamps Propane purchases refillable one-pound propane gas cylinders, branding them the “Little Kamper,” and sells and exchanges them through their Kamps retail locations and Pick Up

Propane exchange service. This allows customers to re-use the container, reducing the cost, hassle and waste that typically accompanies single-use one-pound propane gas cylinders. This also offers significant safety advantages, as it aims to mitigate the illegal re-use and refilling of disposable one-pound cylinders.



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The disposable cylinders themselves represent 80 percent of the purchase price for the consumer. By purchasing and reusing one refillable cylinder, which last for up to twelve years, the consumer will save \$128.26 after 50 uses and avoid the cost and hassle of disposing of 50 cylinders. **“CPSC is pleased to select Kamps Propane for this award, not only are they changing their industry, they are the first propane service provider to partner with non-governmental organizations and local governments on the development and implementation of the *ReFuel Your Fun* campaign,”** said Heidi Sanborn, Executive Director. **ReFuel Your Fun** is promoting the use of refillable one-pound propane cylinders to retailers and the public funded by a grant from **CalRecycle**.



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**California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC)** educates both the public and private sectors about Product Stewardship and closely partners with business, jurisdictions, waste and recycling companies, manufacturers and others to promote and encourage sustainable practices and to recognize those companies who are taking a leadership role in participating in waste reduction and recycling. For more information, please go to: [www.CalPSC.org](http://www.CalPSC.org).

**Kamps Propane** has served the clean energy needs of California since 1969. Headquartered in Manteca, California they are the leading propane company in the state and one of the only propane suppliers in California that offers propane via wholesale, retail and resale distribution. Pick Up Propane is their BBQ gas or BBQ tank exchange company and Kiva Energy is their wholesale propane company serving the Western United States. For more information, please go to: [www.KampsPropane.com](http://www.KampsPropane.com).