Fuel Cylinder

Extended Producer Responsibility
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The Problem

• **Difficult to manage and recycle** – Must de-valve or puncture a hole before discarding into scrap metal

• **Few Outlets** – Nearly all scrap yards don’t want them, pose to high risk and danger.

• **Dangerous** - Often are hidden in the recycling stream and are an extreme danger to Material Recovery Facilities where they can explode.

• **Litter** – Thousands of cylinders are left behind in parks every year (estimated 10,000 in Connecticut State Parks)

• **Costly** – They are a cost burden on municipalities and the state.
Fuel Cylinder Explosion inside a Connecticut Material Recovery Facility
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The Solution - Extended Producer Responsibility

• Producers share the responsibility and burden of end-of-life management
• Stewardship Program formed like Paintcare and Bye-Bye Mattress
• Design for the environment
• Performance targets
• Collection convenience standards
• Outreach and Education
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The next steps – Join the effort to form EPR for Cylinders

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