

# CCSMM EPR Working Group

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# Agenda for Today's Call

- ▶ Welcome and Introductions
- ▶ Review purpose of the working group
- ▶ Review of CCSMM Menu of Options
- ▶ Discussion of General Strategies to Support EPR
  - ▶ DEEP
  - ▶ Municipalities
- ▶ Discussion of Individual Materials
  - ▶ Tires
  - ▶ Packaging
  - ▶ HHW
  - ▶ Other
- ▶ Open to public comment
- ▶ Next steps

# From CCSMM Menu of Options (EPR)

- ▶ Establish an Extended Producer Responsibility Program for Gas Cylinders
- ▶ Establish an Extended Producer Responsibility Program for Tires
- ▶ Establish an Extended Producer Responsibility Program for Packaging
- ▶ Establish an Extended Producer Responsibility program for Household Hazardous Wastes (HHW)
- ▶ Establish Extended Producer Responsibility Programs for Other Materials

# General Strategies to Support EPR - DEEP

- ▶ Support the Connecticut Product Stewardship Council (CTPSC) in the promotion of EPR initiatives *ONGOING*
- ▶ Perform a biannual evaluation of the EPR programs and recommendations for new materials. *MATTRESS REPORT TO BE RELEASED SHORTLY, OTHERS IN PROGRESS*
- ▶ Depending on what type of new or modified infrastructure is needed to support new EPR programs, expedite new permits or modification of existing permits as necessary. *WORKING ON GP MODIFICATIONS FOR CYLINDERS*
- ▶ Work regionally with other interested groups such as PSI, NEWMOA and NERC to foster regional consistency in EPR program implementation and administration. *ONGOING*
- ▶ In conjunction with CTPSC, other states and local governments, participate in stakeholder discussions as new EPR programs are being developed. *ONGOING*

# General Strategies to Support EPR - Municipalities

- ▶ Affirm EPR as the preferred materials management strategy for increasing recycling of packaging and difficult to recycle materials. *SOME TOWNS SIGNED MUNICIPAL RESOLUTIONS SUPPORTING PACKAGING EPR*
- ▶ Support the Connecticut Product Stewardship Council (CTPSC) in the promotion of EPR initiatives.  
*LOOKING TO ADD TOWNS TO CTPSC*
- ▶ Participate in stakeholder discussions as new EPR programs are being developed.
- ▶ Opt in to new EPR programs if municipalities have a choice to participate or not (e.g., Mattress EPR program) *FOUR TOWNS ADDED TO MRC PROGRAM - CURRENTLY 136*

Establish an Extended Producer Responsibility  
Program for Gas Cylinders

Accomplished

# Establish an Extended Producer Responsibility Program for Tires

- ▶ Status
  - ▶ Tire Stewardship Bill introduced in 2022 session, made it out of committee
- ▶ Discussion points
  - ▶ Is tire EPR still a priority?
  - ▶ What is needed to get a bill passed?
    - ▶ Data on generation
    - ▶ Illegal dumping stories
    - ▶ Identify the partners and stakeholders



# Establish an Extended Producer Responsibility Program for Packaging

## ▶ Status

- ▶ Packaging EPR bill introduced in 2022 session did not make it out of committee

## ▶ Discussion Points

- ▶ Is packaging EPR still a priority?
- ▶ What are the major issues that need to be further explored?
- ▶ What are the data needs?
  - ▶ True recycling costs
  - ▶ Other?

# Establish an Extended Producer Responsibility program for Household Hazardous Wastes (HHW)

## ▶ Status

- ▶ No bill has been drafted. Vermont had an HHW EPR bill in the last session

## ▶ Discussion points

- ▶ Is HHW still a priority?
- ▶ What information do we need to draft a bill?
- ▶ How do we define the problems associated with the proper disposal of HHW?

# Establish Extended Producer Responsibility Programs for Other Materials

- ▶ Status - No change
- ▶ Discussion
  - ▶ What are the other materials?
  - ▶ What are the criteria for prioritization?

# Public Comment

## Next Steps

Next Meeting August 31, 2022

Topic - Presentations and  
Discussions on Chemical Recycling