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Agenda for Today's Call

- ▶ Welcome and Introductions
- ▶ Review goals for this call
- ▶ Presentations on Chemical Recycling
 - ▶ Dr. Ben Elling, Professor of Chemistry, Wesleyan University
 - ▶ Anja Brandon, Phd, Ocean Conservancy
- ▶ Discussion about potential direction for chemical recycling
- ▶ Open to public comment
- ▶ Next steps

Thank you to our presenters!

Anja Brandon, Phd Ocean Conservancy



Dr Ben Elling, Wesleyan University

DEEP Views on Chemical Recycling

- ▶ Incineration of plastics for energy recovery is not recycling
- ▶ Oppose classification of chemical recycling as manufacturing
- ▶ Gathering more information on chemical recycling pros and cons
 - ▶ How does it compare to other strategies?
 - ▶ How does it offset the use of virgin resources?
 - ▶ What are the human health and environmental impacts?
- ▶ Not looking to have a blanket prohibition on chemical recycling which is consistent with Colorado, Oregon and California EPR laws
- ▶ Is not an alternative to appropriate bans on single use plastics