# **PaintCare**

# Unlocking the Value: Transforming the Connecticut Materials Economy

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#### Who We Are

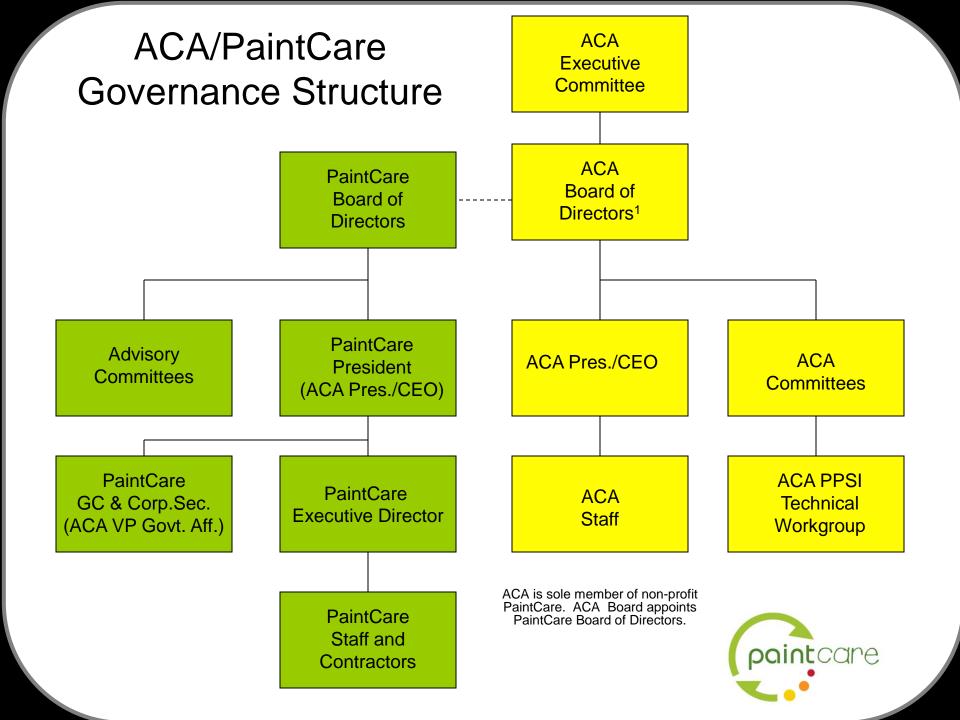
- The American Coatings Association is a voluntary non-profit association, originally organized in 1888
- ACA represents approximately 250 manufacturers, distributors, raw material suppliers to the industry, and individuals working in the industry
- Serve as advocate, compliance assistance resource and community liaison
  - Legislative
  - Regulatory
  - Judicial



#### Who We Are

- "PaintCare" non-profit 501(c)(3), Product Stewardship Organization
- Owned by ACA, but governed by a Board of Architectural Paint Manufacturers
  - Open to all architectural paint manufacturers (not just ACA members)
- Ensures effective operation of paint product stewardship programs
  - Environmentally sound and cost-effective program





#### What We Do

#### PaintCare Role

- Implement Program
- Ensure Program is working for industry
  - Funding mechanism is sustainable
  - Level playing field for all participants
  - Program is cost efficient
  - Administration is effective

#### ACA Role

- Advocacy
  - Legislative
  - Regulatory





## Why We Are Here

- Paint identified as the #1 issue by cost and volume for HHW Programs
- PPSI formed w/facilitation by Product Stewardship Institute
  - Capable of effectively coordinating multi-stakeholder and multistate approach to the issue
- ACA joined PPSI in 2003
  - Coordinated approach versus state-by-state approach
  - Share information with state and local governments
  - Gain better information from non-industry stakeholders
- Goal was to find a resolution
  - Status Quo not adequate



## Why We Are Here

- 1st MOU for Pilot Projects and Data Gathering
- 2<sup>nd</sup> MOU in 2007 following ACA Board Resolution
  - Develop a nationally coordinated system for the management of postconsumer waste paint
- Key Elements
  - Consumer Education
  - No Mandatory Retail Take-Back
  - Cost Effective
  - Partner with Government
  - Industry Operated Product Stewardship Organization
  - Market Based Financing
- Legislation need for level-playing field and anti-trust protection

# **Key Elements of Program**

- Legislatively mandated
  - Not Voluntary
- Industry Operated
  - Not a Government Program
- Sustainable Financing System
  - PaintCare Recovery Fee
  - Added to the price of all new paint sales
- Transparent to Consumers
  - Retail sales receipts
  - POS materials
  - Marketing Campaign





# **Key Elements of Program**

#### Use of Current Infrastructure

- Shared Responsibility
- Cost Effective
- Mutually Agreeable



#### Voluntary Retail Collection

- No Mandatory Take-Back
- Waste Management Hierarchy
  - Reuse, Recycling and Energy Recovery
  - Proper Disposal



## **How We Operate**

- First US Paint Stewardship Program
  - Oregon started July 1, 2010
  - California scheduled for July 1, 2012
  - Connecticut scheduled for July 1, 2013
- Collection of PaintCare Recovery Fee from all manufacturers selling paint in the operating state
  - Ensure that this is transparently passed through to distributors/retailers
- Set-up of Convenient Statewide Collection Locations Throughout the State
  - Municipal and Retail

## **How We Operate**

- Provide for the Transportation of Program
   Products from Collection Sites to Processors
- Contract for the Recycling, Energy Recovery or Proper Disposal of Program Products
  - Usable latex paint into recycled content paint
  - Unusable latex paint into other products
  - Alkyd Paint into fuel blend
- Education, Marketing, and Advertising for the Program
- Annual Reporting to State Agencies

# Our Results - Oregon

- 4 million in revenue 3.3 million in expenditures (83% going to Oregon service providers)
- \$1 million in savings to Portland Metro Gov.
- 469,665 gallons of paint collected
  - 100% recycled or beneficially reused
- 100 permanent collection sites for paint
  - 15 permanent locations available pre-program
- 47 tons of plastic pails and 65 tons of metal cans were recycled under the program

## **Our Transformation**

- Partnering with Government to affect change
- Shifting responsibility for end-of-life management of products from tax and rate payers to producers and consumers
- Recognizing the value in left-over paint and containers
- Building a system to support new recycling opportunities





## **Connecticut's Transformation**

- Partnering with Industry to affect change
- Transitioning from a local government only collection system to a more convenient municipal and retail system
- Collecting latex paint for recycling instead of consumer dry and dispose
- Providing an opportunity for recyclers to enter the market



## Questions?





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