Extended Producer Responsibility and CARE

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STATES ARE GOING GREEN!!

Green Building
(AZ, CA, CT, FL, HI, IA, IL, MA, MD, MN, MO, NJ, NY, OH, OK)

Tax Credits for Green Building
(CT, IL, MA, MD, NJ)

Green Cleaning
(IA, IL, MD, ME, MO, NY, VA, WA)

Extended Producer Responsibility
(WA, CA, OR, ME, MN, VT, RI….just to name a few)
Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

Known by a number of names……

- EPR
- “Take Back” Programs
- Product Stewardship
- End of Life
Industries Impacted

- Light Bulbs
- Batteries
- Paint
- E-waste
- Carpet
States have taken both a broad and targeted approach to EPR legislation.
California

**Carpet:** (AB 1343)*Introduced 2-19-10 (last possible day for bill introduction)

**Paint:** Architectural Paint Recovery Program (AB 1343)  
**Carried over from previous session**

**Framework:** California Product Stewardship Act  
(AB 2139)**Introduced 2-18-10

**Fluorescent Lighting:** California Lighting Toxics Reduction and Recycling Act (AB 2176)* *Introduced 2-18-10

**Batteries:** Product Stewardship for Household Batteries  
(SB 1100)**Introduced 2-17-10
Maine

**EPR:** (LD 1631) Signed by Governor

**Pharmaceuticals:** An Act to Support Collection and Proper Disposal of Unused Pharmaceuticals (LD 821)
New York

**Electronics:** Electronic Equipment Reuse and Recycling Act (A. 7571)**Carried over from previous session

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**Auto Switches:** Mercury-Added Motor Vehicle Components (A. 1659)**Referred to Assembly Committee on Environmental Conservation (1-6-10)

**Paint:** Paint Stewardship Pilot Program (A. 9239)**Referred to Assembly Committee on Environmental Conservation (1-6-10)
Vermont

**Fluorescent Lighting:** An Act Relating to the Collection and Recycling of Mercury-Added Lamps (S. 232)*

**Paint:** An Act Relating to the Establishment of a Paint Stewardship Program (S. 224)*

**Electronics:** An Act Relating to the Disposal of Electronic Waste (S. 77)*

**Framework:** An Act Relating to Producer Responsibility for Solid Waste (H. 696)* Deferred until 2011
Rhode Island

**Framework:** An Act Relating to Producer Responsibility for Solid Waste (HB 7998)
(picks up where Maine left off.....)
How is it viewed?

There are pros and cons....

Pros include:
- Hazardous Waste
- The “right” thing to do for the environment
- Tight budget constraints-helps municipalities deal w/solid waste

Cons Include:
- Costly
- Industries do bare minimum
- Mandates
- Need for outlets
What does this mean?

We need to work together with stakeholders to find solutions
Where do the responsibilities for EPR lie?

With Everyone…

Consumers
Legislators
Industry
What We Need

• End Outlets (including state procurement)

• Funding

• Focus on developing products
Opportunities in the States

- Green Procurement
- State Green Building Guidelines
Green Procurement

Many locations (cities & states) passing legislation regarding Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP)
Many states legislating that state building projects require materials containing “recycled content”
Next Steps

• Renegotiate MOU

• Identify signatories in targeted states

• Get MOU signatories to actively ENGAGE!
The Good News

CARE has a great story to tell at the state and federal !!!

• Voluntary initiative
• Promotes sustainability
• Market Maker!
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