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Resource Productivity
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WHO IS RPRA

The **vision** of RPRA is a circular economy today for a waste-free tomorrow.

RPRA has a **mission** to enforce producer responsibility and advocate for the circular economy to spur innovation and protect the environment.

RPRA is an organization with **sustainability at its very core.**

RPRA oversees existing waste diversion programs (under **WDTA**) until they are wound up transitioned to individual producer responsibility (IPR) requirements (under **RRCEA**) for managing waste associated with products and packaging.

CHALLENGES & LESSONS

- Simplifying complex regulations for registrants is a major challenge
- Patience and insightful engagement is essential for stakeholder management
- Technology increases efficiency in compliance work

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Policy and regulations can play a significant role in sustainability, especially when paired with enforcement and support.
- Certain industries will be better positioned than others to make the transition to a circular economy model.
- The transition to a circular economy allows for the formation of new complementary and innovative businesses.
- The actions of a few key industry players can help shift an entire sector towards a circular model.
- Flexibility is needed in regulations to allow for the best solutions to be chosen to when responding to unexpected future issues.

Programs under Waste Diversion Transition Act, 2016 (WDTA)*

- Blue Box
- Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste (MHSW)

Programs under Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016 (RRCEA)

- Current
- Tires
- Upcoming
- Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)
 - Batteries



*Both Blue Box and MHSW have been flagged to transition over to IPR

RESPONSIBILITIES & CONTRIBUTIONS

- Engaged with Tire Registrants to ensure they understood their obligations under the new tire recycling regulation.
- Conducted audits and adjustments to Registrants account information, submitted supply data reports, performed follow ups when required.
- Found possible free riders of the Tires Regulation
- Researched new methods for finding potential free riders of the Tire Regulation



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