

Plastic Circularity Council Meeting Summary-03/19/2024

(1) Announcement

- Consider joining the Plastics Council leadership team by volunteering for the role of Vice Chair. Contact Ally, the Operations Coordinator for Recycle Colorado, if interested.
- Register for the March 28th webinar on Direct Polymers' plans for plastic recycling in Colorado.

Adam will present an overview of the products Direct Polymers plans to produce to support plastic recycling efforts in Colorado. He will focus on addressing logistical challenges within the current system and discuss collaborative strategies to position Colorado as a leader in plastics recycling. The presentation will align with the council's charter themes of collaboration, identifying sources of material, collection and consolidation of materials, and exploring market opportunities for recycled products. This overview is expected to provide valuable insights into enhancing Colorado's recycling infrastructure and capabilities.

- Register for Recycle Colorado's Summit for Recycling conference on June 3-5 in Fort Collins.

It serves as a significant opportunity for networking, learning, and celebrating various aspects of recycling. The conference will cover a wide array of topics, including plastic recycling, construction and demolition recycling, composting, reuse, and other zero waste initiatives. A notable focus will be on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) as it begins to take effect in Colorado. Registration is now open, and details, including information about membership and registration requirements, can be found on the Recycle Colorado website. This conference is also Recycle Colorado's primary fundraising event, aiming to support and advance the organization's mission.

(2) Rob Ritz invites participants to share insights on their organization's involvement in the plastics value chain, as well as to discuss any successes or challenges they have experienced in plastics recycling. The following questions were asked:

1. Organization Name: Provide the name of your organization.
2. Intersection with Plastic Value Chain: Describe how your organization interacts with or contributes to the plastic value chain.
3. Origin of Plastics: Specify the source of the plastics your organization deals with.
4. Types of Plastic Polymers: Identify the types of plastic polymers you encounter in your operations.
5. Rose or Thorn: Share a notable success (Rose) or challenge (Thorn) in plastics recycling your organization has faced. Include any specific areas where you seek support or can offer assistance to others.

For a list of members and a brief description of each organization, please refer to the attached Excel document.