

Alberta's Extended Producer Responsibility Approach

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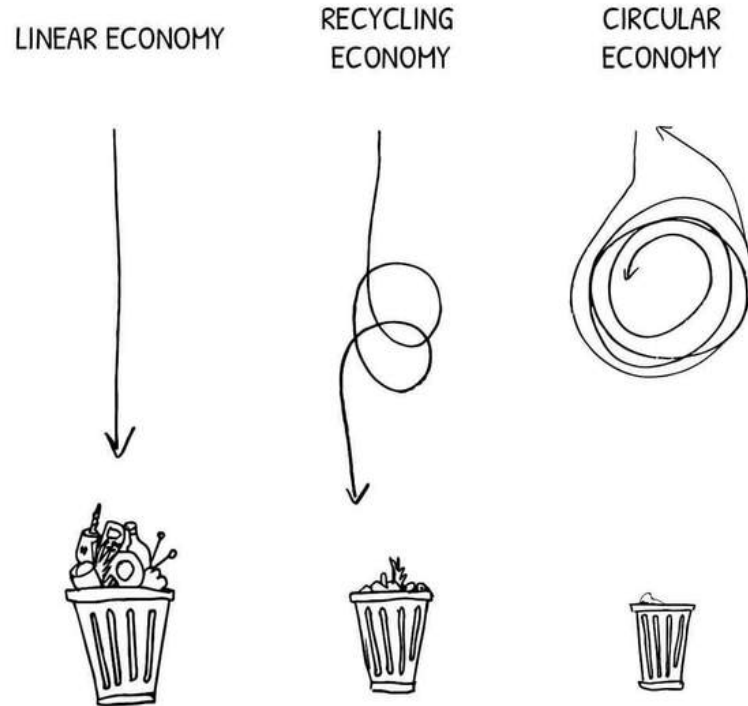


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Overview

1. Transition from Linear to Circular Economy
2. Alberta Current State
3. International and National Context
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Transition from Linear to Circular Economy



Alberta's Current State

Provincially Regulated



Pilot Projects



Municipally Funded



International and National Context

United Nations Environment Assembly



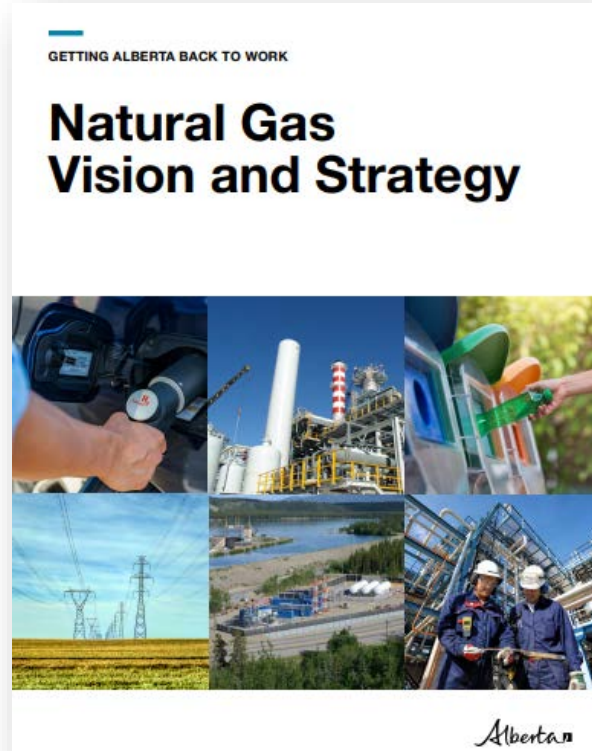
Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment



Federal Plastics Agenda



An Alberta Circular Economy



Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

EPR: an environmental policy approach in which a producer's responsibility for a product is extended to the post-consumer stage of a product's life cycle.

EPR – Proposed Policy Shifts

Government of Alberta engaged on three policy shifts:

1. Create an overarching EPR regulatory framework.
2. Develop an EPR approach for packaging, paper products, and single-use plastics.
3. Develop an EPR approach for Hazardous and Special Products to replace the current Household Hazardous Waste program.

Current: No Overarching Framework

- Municipal programs inconsistent across the province
- Lack of post-consumer markets has created barriers to developing economies of scale for improved recycling programs
- Taxpayer funded (municipal/provincial)

Future: Legislated EPR Framework

- Increased diversion and recycling creates economic opportunities
- Additional materials can be incorporated over time
- Industry responsible for funding and operating coordinated and consistent programs across Alberta

EPR – Engagement and Next Steps

Completed Activities



Next Steps



Thank You

Please submit questions to

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