



Northwest Product Stewardship Council

NWPSC Recommendations Regarding CARE MOU Renewal Process

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The Northwest Product Stewardship Council (NWPSC) believes there must be criteria/performance measures for the CARE MOU renewal process in order to avoid wasted time and resources and to achieve significant and meaningful results. The NWPSC recommends that Northwest representatives involved in the CARE MOU renewal process bring the following perspectives and positions to CARE-related discussions and processes:

- Gain a commitment by producers to fully finance the collection, transport and processing of carpet.
- Develop model state and federal enabling legislation.
- Maintain and strengthen recycling goals. There should be no retreat from the original MOU recycling/recovery goal.
- Integrate GHG reduction targets into the MOU.
- Clarify that "Recycling" does not include energy recovery. (In Washington State, energy recovery/incineration is on the same priority level as landfill disposal).
- Support the top priorities in waste management - waste reduction followed by recycling.
- Pursue investment in design to realize improved durability and elimination of contaminants such as PVC.
- Gain a commitment to localizing carpet processing facilities around the country.
- Gain a commitment to develop secondary use markets to match collection goals.
- Consider regional or state MOUs. A west coast regional MOU could serve as a model or consider the possibility of "separate" state MOUs tailored to local activities and needs.
- Encourage a comprehensive pilot for the West Coast, similar in scope to the pilot activities of the paint industry.

Significant and timely progress needs to be made on these activities. Involvement in the CARE process does not preclude any entity or state from proceeding with legislative actions.

CARE also needs to explain how the MOU process will be funded.