

Spitzig, Kelly

From: Paul van der Werf [paulv@2cg.ca]
Sent: September 8, 2005 5:28 PM
To: Spitzig, Kelly
Cc: Birett, Mike; Trish Johnson
Subject: Re: Information regarding blue box plastics

Hello Kelly

1. I confirmed with CPRA that ALL PS materials are allowed (i.e. food grade, expanded foam etc) in the residential stream received at the plant. Please see their specification that we reviewed today for additional information.

2. Our EPIC web-page has been updated. There is a lot of excellent information there on the recycling of all plastic types.

<http://www.cpia.ca/epic/special/?ID=49>

Other answers below.

I hope this helps. Do not hesitate to contact me with additional questions.

regards

Paul van der Werf

----- Original Message -----

From: Spitzig, Kelly
To: paulv@2cg.ca
Cc: Birett, Mike
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2005 6:32 AM
Subject: Information regarding blue box plastics

Hi Paul,

I was wondering if you could help me out with gathering some information? I was speaking with Mike Birett earlier, and he mentioned talking with you, and asked that I follow up on your discussion with some questions that would help us develop a better understanding of what is currently happening within the plastic markets. Your timely response to this would be most appreciated.

-Have the markets changed in the past three months with regards to their acceptance of "plastic blister packaging" within the mixed plastic stream from municipal MRF's?

No. We are doing some quantitative investigation about the amount of blister pack in the waste stream.

-Have the markets changed at all in the past three months for materials such as expanded styrofoam and plastic film?

Markets for PS remain the same. CPRA of Mississauga has capacity to handle residential curbside and depot PS.

There are markets for plastic film bags. Please see our web page under 5Rs and plastic film for a list of markets.

-Can you provide me with a list of municipal MRF's that collect Styrofoam? And plastic film?

There is a list on the CPRA web-page for PS. Note that Hamilton has recently moved to a curbside program.

I have attached WDO Datacall results with PS and plastic film recycling communities highlighted.

-Do you have any data that quantifies how much styrofoam is in the residential waste stream? How much food grade vs packing?

No I do not have any data. You may wish to call Region of Peel, City of Hamilton to get a sense of what they are seeing at the curb.

-Do you have any data that would quantify the costs of collecting styrofoam curbside?

No I do not have any specific data. You may wish to call Region of Peel, City of Hamilton to get a sense of what their costs are.

I have attached WDO datacall information that presents generic recycling cost information. You likely already have this.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

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