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EPR Wave - A wave of [Extended Producer Responsibility Framework](#) Legislation is about to sweep across the country. CPSC is supporting [AB 283](#) authored and introduced last week by [Assemblymember Wesley Chesbro](#). Washington state is considering a [greenhouse gas bill](#) that includes EPR Framework AND identifies products. Oregon [has outlined](#) what should be in an [EPR bill](#). [Minnesota](#) should be introducing a bill within two weeks. Visit the CPSC web site to [learn more](#) about EPR legislation and how show your [support](#).

Canada Seeking Comments on EPR Policies - The Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME), [Extended Producer Responsibility Task Group](#) is seeking comments on two major policy documents: a [Canada-wide Action Plan on EPR](#) and [Strategy on Sustainable Packaging](#). Comments are being accepted on both the [EPR Action Plan](#) and the [Packaging Strategy](#) until May 29, 2009.

Producers Fund Recycling - Is it possible that what's good for Canada might be good for the U.S.? [This article](#) in Canada's [The Star.com](#) talks about how taxpayers may one day NOT be paying the cost of curbside recycling.

Product Stewardship is Making the Difference - In it's [State of Green Business Report](#) for 2009, [GreenBiz](#) suggests in that [Product Stewardship is creating change](#) in the way "green" business is being conducted today.

Mercury Lamp Bills Introduced - Legislation addressing mercury lamps is soon to be introduced in California. Assemblymember Jared Huffman has drafted language for a fluorescent lamp recycling law. And in [Minnesota HF 606](#) is making its way through the legislature and [Vermont](#) and [Washington](#) have EPR bills for lamps as well.

Act Locally - Advocating for EPR legislation is one of the most important things you can do to help push EPR policy through the legislature this year. Take a look at an excerpt from [Napa County's 2009 Legislative Platform](#) to see how EPR can be added to your Jurisdiction's/organization's legislative priorities.

Product Stewardship - The Product Stewardship Institute has announced the next round of [Informational Networking Calls](#) starting in March featuring [Product Stewardship - Is It Meeting Its Promise](#).

Pledge for Procurement - Purchasing products from manufacturers and businesses that support product stewardship is as critically important as supporting businesses that take back their products. Manufacturers that are taking care of their products at the end of life with [recycling programs like Pitney Bowes](#) deserve support. Procurement policies count and kudos go out to the [City of Sacramento](#) for giving extra points for signing a Pledge of Support for CPSC to businesses bidding on City contracts.

Talking EPR - Have you been wanting to talk up EPR but not sure how best to do it? Check out our Web site and our new [Talking Points page](#) for government, media, business, and haulers.

New Partners- We want to thank [TDC Environmental, LLC](#), and [Peninsula Packaging, LLC](#) for signing the CPSC Pledge of Support and providing financial contributions and welcome them as new Partners. Please encourage your local green business to become CPSC Partners by supporting Product Stewardship and signing the [CPSC Pledge of Support](#).

Make a Financial Contribution – CPSC is already in heavy demand for 2009 to provide expertise on a number of product stewardship projects in addition to the new California Product Stewardship Act of 2009. CPSC's resources are limited and it will take a significant amount of them to complete the tasks at hand. Please consider making a donation yourself and invite your friends, counterparts, and associates to donate to CPSC to help us make EPR the law in California. It is easy to [donate](#) to CPSC. [Learn more](#).....

We hope you have enjoyed this edition of the CPSC NewsMail. Please [forward information](#) to Mark Rappaport anything that you would like to see included in future installments.

With gratitude,

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