

Proposed Producer Responsibility Regulation for Hazardous and Special Products

Good afternoon,

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As committed to in our Made-In-Ontario Environment Plan, the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks is moving forward with transitioning waste diversion programs to a producer responsibility model. This involves developing new regulations under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016 (RRCEA), to make producers responsible for their products at end-of-life.

Today, the ministry has posted the draft Hazardous and Special Products (HSP) regulation under the RRCEA to transition the Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste (MHSW) program to full producer responsibility. The draft regulation is available on the Environmental Registry of Ontario for a 45-day public consultation period, from February 11, 2021 to March 28, 2021, and can be found under registry number 019-2836 at <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-2836>.

It is also posted on the Regulatory Registry at <https://www.ontariocanada.com/registry/>.

The proposed HSP regulation would require producers to:

- Establish a robust network of collection locations where consumers can drop off their HSP for free.
- Manage all collected materials properly, including meeting procedures for managing their end-of-life products by recycling where possible, or proper disposal.
- Provide promotion and education materials to increase consumer awareness
- Register, report and keep records and meet other requirements to ensure there is an equitable compliance and enforcement framework.

In addition, the ministry will be hosting webinars to consult on the proposed regulation. Your input will be key to ensuring that the transitioning of the MHSW Program is effective, efficient and accessible for all. If you are interested in participating, please register with Allison Deng at Allison.Deng@ontario.ca. We will provide further meeting details for those who confirm their participation.

We look forward to your feedback and appreciate your continued engagement throughout the consultation process. If you have any questions regarding the proposed Hazardous and Special Products regulation please contact Allison Deng, Senior Policy Advisor, Resource Recovery Policy Branch, at Allison.Deng@ontario.ca or 437-772-1899.

Sincerely,

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