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Panel Discussion of Future of EPR Programs

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Extended Producer Responsibility

Areas of Work





Provincial EPR – A Snapshot

Product Categories regulated in accordance with Canadian Council of Ministers of Environment *Canada-wide Action Plan for Extended Producer Responsibility (CAP-EPR)*

Exponential growth: To date 14 product categories captured through 22 programs, making BC North American leader in advancing EPR policy

CAP-EPR Phase 1

- Packaging and Printed materials ✓
- Mercury containing lamps ✓
- Other mercury-containing products ✓
- Electronics and electrical products ✓
- Household hazardous and special wastes ✓
- Automotive products ✓

CAP EPR Phase 2

- Construction materials
- Demolition materials
- Furniture
- Textiles and carpet
- Appliances, including ozone-depleting substances (ODS) ✓



Provincial EPR – Current Challenges

- Pressures from the exponential growth since 2011. MoE's focus is now on:
 - Enhancing Stewardship Programs and Reporting
 - Province-wide accessibility – service
 - Improved approach to compliance and enforcement
 - Policy around competition in EPR – recent development, various forms, level playing field



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- Demand for more – new and expanded product categories, common approaches
- Economic impacts – commodity values