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RECOVERY OF POST-USE PLASTICS

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Plastic: A Nominal Energy User



Why do we use plastics?

- Reduce material use, weight
- Maintain freshness
- Reduce breakage
- Reduce transportation costs through light weighting
- Economical
- Reduce waste
- Plastics <u>reduce energy use by 80%</u> and alternatives would increase <u>GHG emissions by 130%</u> across a variety of applications¹

Trends in Plastics Recycling

- Plastics recycling (tons) is <u>UP</u>
 - <u>Bottles (3 billion lbs)</u>
 - Bags, wraps and film (1.17 billion pounds)
 - Non-bottle rigids (1.3 billion pounds)
- Consumer access to recycling is <u>UP</u>
- Reasons to recycle plastics remain <u>strong</u>
- State, municipal adoption of best practices is <u>UP</u>
- Manufacturer, brand owner, retailer engagement is <u>UP</u>



Energy & GHG Reductions



Plastics are Captured Energy



Vision for Plastics Recovery

Natural Gas & Oil





Thank You!

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