



Minnesota Product Stewardship Council Assessment of Extended Producer Responsibility Legislation, Plans and Programs

Minnesota Product Stewardship Council Definition of Extended Producer Responsibility
Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is an essential element of Product Stewardship in which producers design and implement environmentally protective systems to recover and manage the components of their products and packaging, consistent with the Minnesota Waste Management Hierarchy.

Product:

MnPSC Priorities for EPR	Meets Priority	Does Not Meet Priority	Background
Environmental Protection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Product recovery systems adhere to MN Waste Management Hierarchy</i> 	•	•	•
Financial <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>All product costs - including recovery systems - are incorporated into purchase price of product</i> • <i>Producer of product responsible for recovery system program costs</i> 			•
Measurable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Effective, measurable goals set by government to achieve Priorities #1 and #2.</i> • <i>Dates to reach goals and implement program</i> 	•	•	•
Accountable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Assignment of full responsibility for recovery system to producers</i> • <i>Enforcement - for noncompliance</i> • <i>Individual producers identified</i> • <i>Independent third party audit of financial & environmental performance</i> • <i>All wastes in product category included</i> 	•		