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# ECONOMIC & ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS OF RECYCLING PLASTIC



### **OVERVIEW**

Plastic Scrap Pricing
Market Drivers & Influences
Market Forces
New Collection
Conclusions



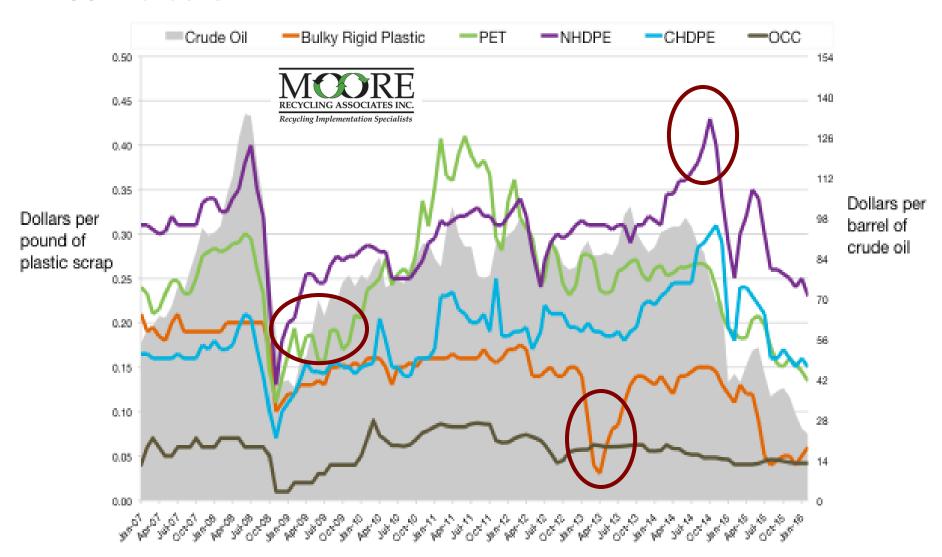
### Market Drivers

- The price of natural gas, petroleum and derivatives
- Available virgin resin production capacity relative to demand
- General economic conditions
- The supply of industrial scrap or offspec material
- Available recycled resin production capacity relative to demand ,



### Historical Plastic Scrap Price vs Oil

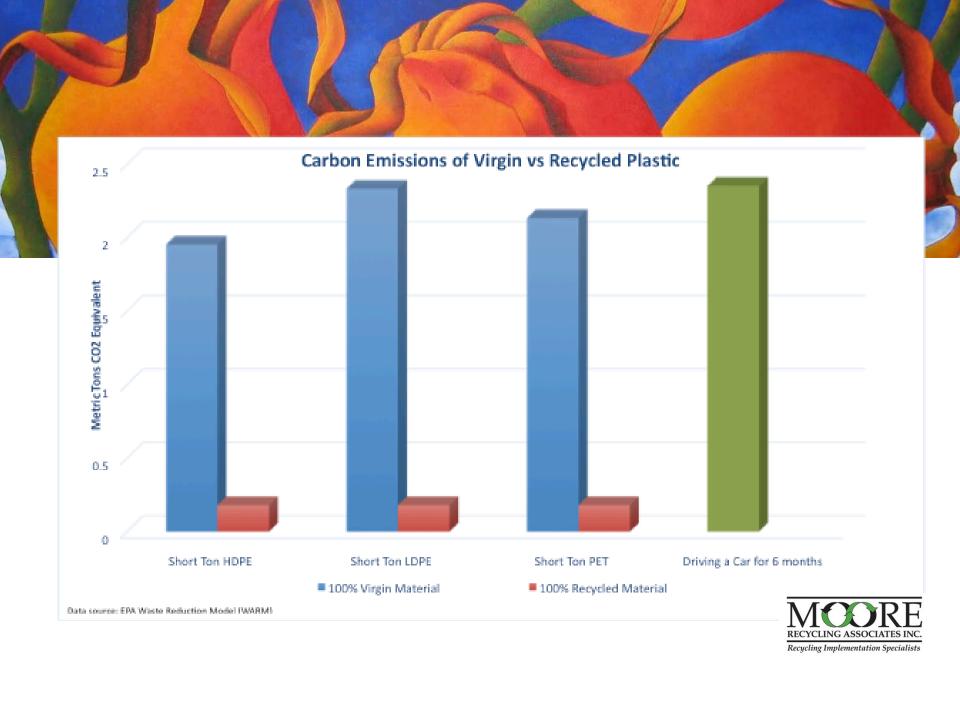
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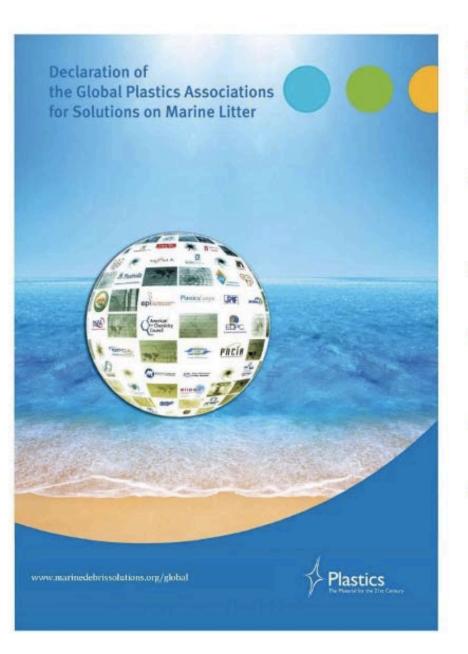




### Better Times Are Coming!







#### Declaration for Solutions on Marine Debris

- Announced at UN/NOAA Marine Debris Conference, March 2011
- Six-point strategy for industry action
- Advocates close cooperation with range of stakeholders to create solutions
- >60 associations from 34 countries
- 185 projects since launch in 2011



	Direct	Supplier	Induced	Total
Jobs	149,010	171,350	151,227	471,587
Wages	\$11,496,501,800	\$11,344,450,100	\$7,950,256,600	\$30,791,208,500
Economic Impact	\$45,644,002,300	\$35,727,836,800	\$24,442,618,900	\$105,814,458,000



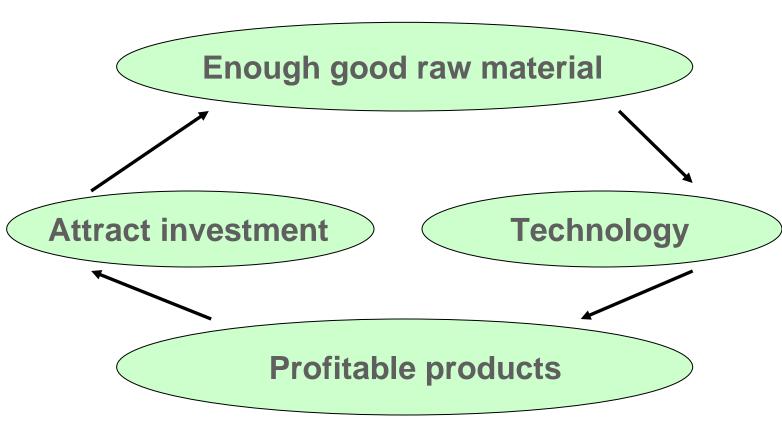
### Market Forces

- Availability and Quality of Supply:
   Collection
- Adaquate Reclamation Capacity:
   Technology
- Sufficient End Market Demand:
   Profitable Products
- Investment into the first three:\$\$\$





# Like all manufacturing, Plastic Recycling must...



Recycling: Is a Business: with a social component)

Source: Dave Cornell





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### Investment Issues

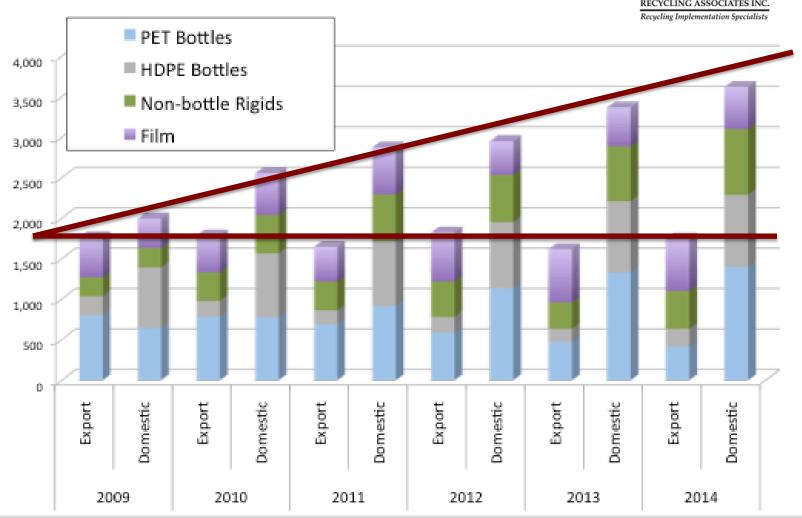
Existing reclamation business model is tenuous, limiting access to capital

- Most orders month to month, no long term contracts
- Resin segment has little vested interest
- Lack of clear market signals from Public Sector: no clear public policy on PCR use, thus Converters and Brand Owners have demonstrated inconsistent support
- Supply and Technology issues: Quality and Design for Recyclability

#### U.S. Postconsumer Plastic Recycling

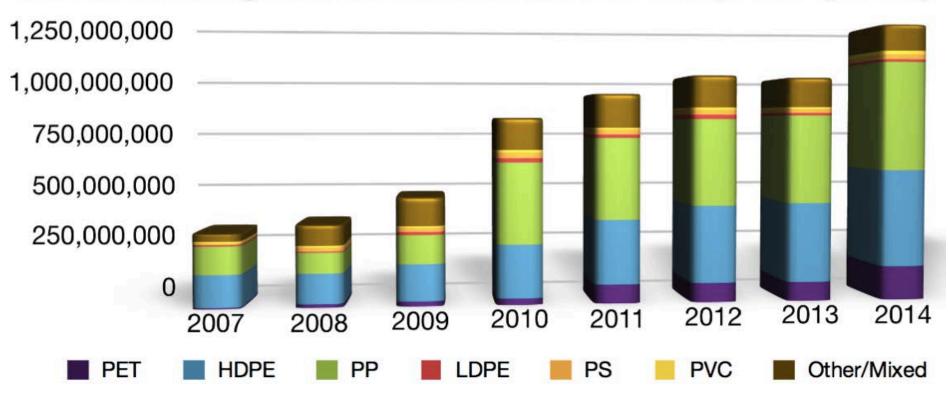
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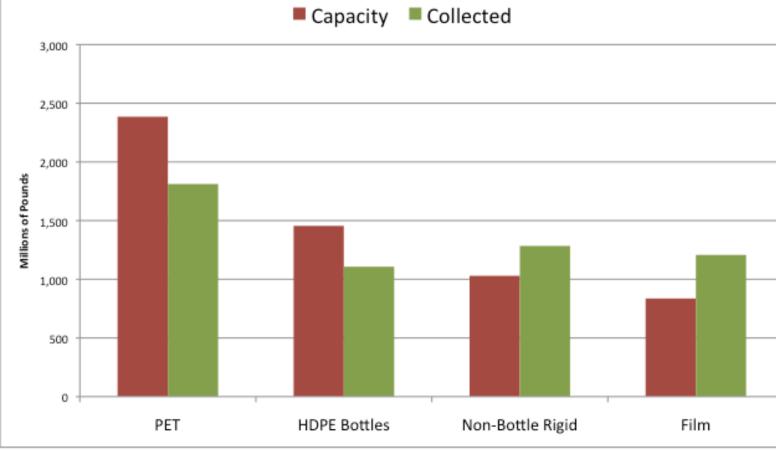
### Non-Bottle Rigid Plastic

#### U.S. Non-Bottle Rigid Plastic Recovered Year over Year by Resin<sup>2</sup> (pounds)





# Reclamation Capacity vs Collection





### Find AND USE the Terms & Tools



www.RecycleYourPlastics.org/termsandtools

www.RecycleYourPlastics.org/commodityterms







### RecycleMorePlastic.org: Foam PS

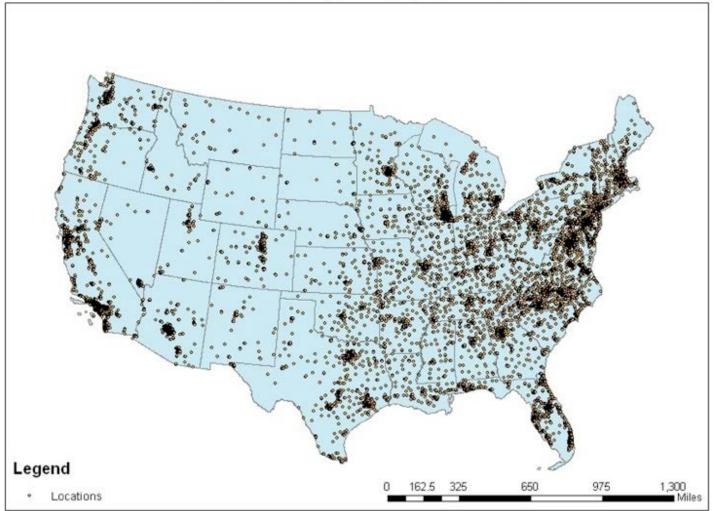




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### Film & Bags

United States Map of All Drop-Off Facilities





### Conclusions

- Oil prices do not directly predict scrap prices
- Supply & Demand of scrap is the biggest influence
- Supply & Demand are influenced by many global forces: political, social, economic, natural and QUALITY





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