Advisory Council Meeting #31

Producer Responsibility:
Packaging and Paper Products

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October 7, 2026

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Agenda

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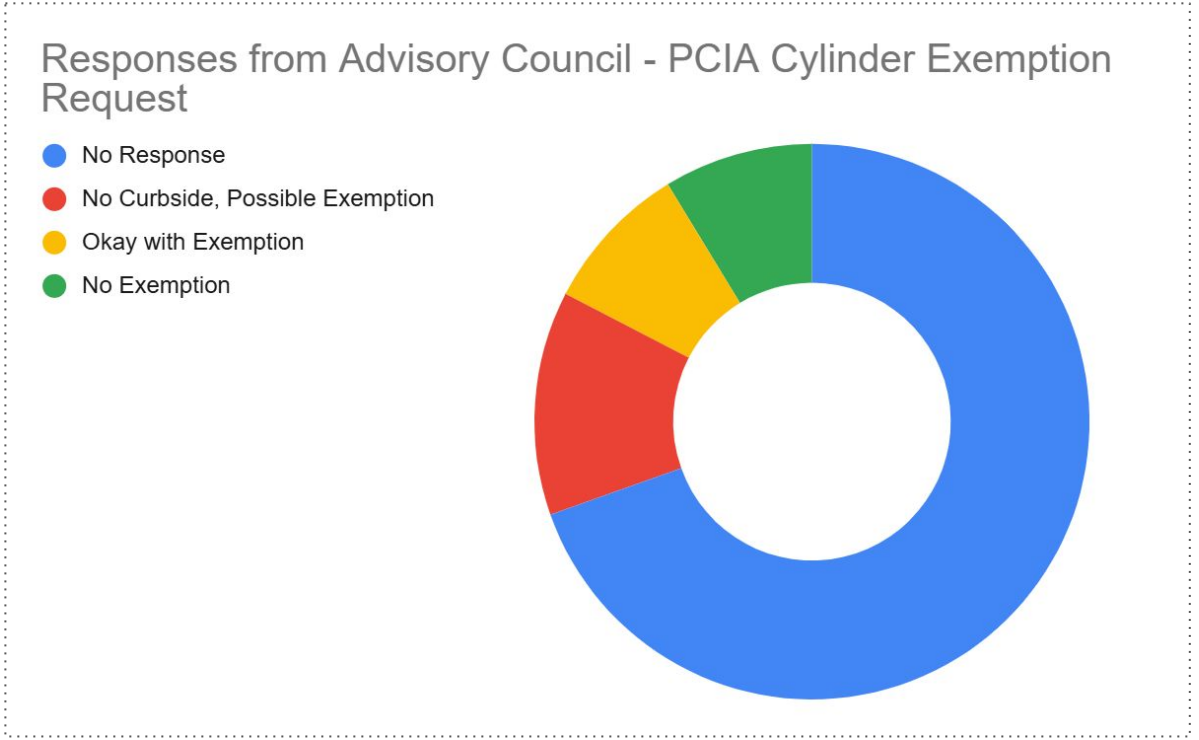
1. PCIA Exemption Request Review
2. PRO plan - additional details and/or requirements
3. Public Participation

Pressurized Cylinder Industry Association (PCIA) Exemption Request

- Request received by MDE on July 15, 2026
- Advisory Council provided information and comments received through October 1, 2026



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Consideration:
Round 2 Regulations

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Performance Goals

- Recycling rates
- Composting rates
- Reuse rates
- Return rates
- % to be waste reduced
- % postconsumer recycled content that covered materials are required to contain
- GHG reduction goals

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Financing method used to implement the plan

For each covered material type how will the PRO measure:

- Recycling
- Waste reduction
- Reuse
- Composting
- Postconsumer recycled content

How will performance goals established be met or exceeded

Proposals for exemptions from performance targets and statewide requirements

Infrastructure Investments

- goals and outcomes and a description of how the process to offer and select opportunities will be conducted in an open, competitive, and fair manner
- address gaps in the system not met by service providers
- potential financial and legal instruments to be used

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How will the program be paid for by the PRO through fees from producers?

Activities to minimize environmental impacts and human health impacts of covered materials

Activities to foster improved design

Activities for funding to expand or increase convenience of services to covered entities

Reimbursement rates

Monitor postconsumer materials to REMs

Treat and protect nonpublic data submitted by service providers

Provide technical assistance to service providers in order to assist them in delivering to REMs

How stakeholder comments were considered in the development of the plan

How staffing and administering the implementation of the plan will be handled

Public outreach, education, and communication

- REMs
- Litter prevention
- Recycling and composting instructions
- Prevention of contamination

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Funding used to improve reuse, composting and recycling

Service provider reimbursement requests

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Other considerations for plan requirements

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Upcoming Meetings

Upcoming meeting 2026: Dates/Times

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Tuesday December 8 from 9-noon ET - **HYBRID** meeting
(in-person space is limited, register today!)

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Resource Links

Maryland Specific Information

- Link to Environmental Articles beginning §9-2501
- Link to COMAR 26.04.14
- Regulations Impacting Small Businesses (signup)
- Archived MD Advisory Council Meetings
- MD Needs Assessment (pub. 2025)

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