

Dear Peter,

Thank you for sharing your concerns regarding bottle development efforts on behalf of our brand owner partners and NatureWorks LLC. In the past two years we have been engaged both with industry and major brand owners to mutually understand the short and long term economics for PLA in bottles and recycling.

In the US we participate with the Association of Post Consumer Plastics Recyclers, the National Recycling Coalition, the Sustainable Packaging Coalition, the Society of the Plastics Industry, are members of the Business and Social Responsibility Council as well as conduct our own stakeholder outreach. In Europe we are members of European Bioplastics (previously IBAW) and work with EuroPen. As part of this work there are ongoing active dialogues related to sorting technologies and the development of viable and sustainable end markets for both recycled PLA and the potential future for chemical recycling.

As with any new material in the marketplace, there are challenges to ensure these materials create and maintain a responsible role from cradle to end-of-life. Made from a 100% annually renewable resource and being the first commercially available bio-polymer, we believe that NatureWorks® PLA is a more responsible choice than many petroleum based polymers.

As we acknowledge and recognize your concerns regarding recycling, please know that we will continue to work with all of the recycling community, both through dialogue and active projects to insure that NatureWorks PLA is a responsible choice in all viable end-of-life options.

Our team will be in discussions with you in the near future. We look forward to participating in this process and working directly with the coalition members as we have in the past.

Regards,

Dennis McGrew

President and CEO

NatureWorks LLC