



April 3, 2025

The Honorable Lee M. Zeldin
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Zeldin:

On behalf of Alterra, I would like to invite you to tour our state-of-the-art facility in Akron, Ohio at your earliest convenience. This commercial facility re-converts over 100,000 pounds per day of discarded plastics into oil (raw material) that can be used to remanufacture new plastic and other valuable petrochemical products. Alterra is a proven asset in the fight to solve the global plastic end-of-life problem, and we would welcome the opportunity to demonstrate our abilities as well as introduce you to our team of passionate recyclers.

As you know, millions of tons of plastic enter our oceans and end up in our landfills each year. Improving and expanding domestic remanufacturing capabilities requires an “all-of-the-above” strategy that leverages multiple technologies. While mechanical recycling is a vital component in our recycling efforts, advanced recycling technologies, like those used at Alterra, are complementary technologies that give us the ability to remanufacture more types of plastic that have traditionally been hard to recycle. The U.S. must grow and scale advanced technologies to achieve the national recycling targets established during the first Trump Administration.

Alterra is playing a vital role in establishing the greater Akron region as a global leader in creating a more sustainable and circular economy for rubber and plastics. In coordination with the Greater Akron Chamber, we are strengthening the region’s capacity to manufacture, commercialize, and deploy innovative technologies. Remanufacturing plastic through advanced recycling not only strengthens our domestic supply chain, creates jobs, and reduces our environmental footprint, but it also represents an opportunity for the U.S. to lead the world in stronger, more resilient, and sustainable manufacturing.

Alterra agrees wholeheartedly with your sentiment that environmental protection and economic growth are complementary. We look forward to hosting you for a visit to our facility to demonstrate how we strive every day to make that sentiment a reality.

Sincerely,

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