When was the ACRC founded?
In February, 1992 by 20 manufacturers, formulators or packagers of agricultural crop protection, specialty pest control, or micro-nutrient, fertilizer products.

What does the ACRC do?
The (ACRC) promotes and supports programs in the United States for the collection and recycling of triple or pressure rinsed plastic containers (up to and including 55 gallon) that contained agricultural crop protection, animal health and specialty pest control products.

Who can be Members?
Manufacturers, formulators or packagers of agricultural crop protection, animal health, specialty pest control, micro-nutrients, fertilizer products or adjuvants can be Regular Members. Any manufacturer of HDPE plastic containers or container components used by the companies that qualify for Regular Membership may be an Affiliate Members.

How many members does the ACRC have?
The ACRC has 40 Regular Members and 12 Affiliate Members as of 2015.

How is the ACRC funded?
ACRC is funded entirely by member dues. ACRC conducts a survey of its members to determine what volume (weight) of HDPE plastic they put in the U.S. market-place annually for relevant product lines. Dues collected from each member company are based on this plastic weight. All survey and dues data is confidential.

Is every pesticide manufacturer a member of ACRC?
Not all qualifying companies are members of the ACRC. However, as a non-profit organization, ACRC collects qualifying containers from non-member companies as well.

What types of containers are accepted for recycling?
All non-refillable, high-density polyethylene (HDPE) plastic crop protection and specialty pesticide product containers in sizes up to and including 55 gallons are accepted.

How do pesticide users participate?
By triple or pressure rinsing empty containers and aggregating them for collection by ACRC contractors at specific sites established by the contractors.

How are containers collected and recycled?
Five ACRC contractors collect containers from retailers, applicators, farmers and other users at more than 2500 collection sites. Containers are typically ground up on site, washed, and then used in a range of end use products approved by the ACRC. Agricultural drain pipe is an example.

How much pesticide container plastic has been recycled?
More than 150,000,000 lbs. of pesticide containers have been recycled since 1992. In 2014 approximately 10,000,000 pounds of containers were collected and recycled.

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