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Dear Mr. Keyser:

Thank you for your email message of July 25th to the United States Department of Energy regarding plastics recycling. Due to the recycling related nature of your inquiry, your message was forwarded to the United States Environmental Protection Agency for response.

In your email you asked for information to help you in sorting PET plastics and for help in recycling plastic bags. While we do have significant information available on the environmental benefits of plastics recycling (see www.epa.gov/msw), we do not maintain information on specific sortation or recycling technologies. However, I would like to make you aware of several plastics-related associations that should be able to help you in identifying different plastic sortation and recycling systems:

- The American Plastics Council maintains an in-depth website of plastics resources and should be a useful first stop. Their website address is: <www.plasticsresource.com>. If you prefer to talk to them by phone, they maintain a toll-free resource line at (800) 243-5790.
- The Association of Postconsumer Plastics Recyclers has a website at: <<http://plasticsrecycling.org/>>; or you can reach them by phone at: (703) 253-0605.
- For information on plastic bag sortation issues, you should contact The Film and Bag Federation of the Society of Plastics Industries. They maintain a website at: <www.plasticbag.com/index.html>.

- Finally, you should check with the National Association for PET Container Resources (NAPCOR). NAPCOR maintains a website with resources on PET recycling at: www.napcor.com. You can also reach them by phone at: (704) 423-9400.

I hope you find these resources useful as you continue your important work in plastics recycling.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth A. Cotsworth, Director
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