

Operation Clean Sweep®

OCS Vision

Support a future where plastic resin is responsibly handled and remains outside of the natural environment and our oceans.

OCS Mission

To operate a rigorous, forward-thinking program that safeguards plastic resin throughout the value chain.

Industry Stewardship

Operation Clean Sweep® (OCS) was developed to help prevent plastic resin loss to the environment and support industry in the responsible handling of plastic resin materials. Plastics contribute to sustainability in many ways, such as increasing the efficiency of shipping and transportation, preserving food, and helping fight climate change through innovations including windmills and solar panels. OCS exemplifies how industry stakeholders are working to keep plastics out of the environment and within the circular economy.

OCS Core Values



Prevention of resin loss is essential to protect the environment and preserve water quality.



Be responsible stewards of industry resources and operate with transparency.



Lead with a consensus-based and participatory process whenever possible.



Peer-learning, collaboration, and innovation will accelerate progress towards achieving zero resin loss.



Use a science-based approach and implement targeted interventions to prevent resin loss.

2030 OCS Goals

To achieve our vision, we must increase the scope and rigor of OCS on a global scale. To accelerate efforts towards zero resin loss, we established 5 goals:

100% of U.S. material supplier locations are OCS members by 2027.

100% of U.S. processors with more than 500 employees and 25% of U.S. processors with less than 500 employees are OCS members by 2029.

100% of International OCS Programs have implemented data reporting and external inspection programs by 2030.

OCS established in 100% of the top 20 countries with the largest plastic imports and exports.

Expand OCS to an additional 10 countries by 2030.

OCS will periodically review the goals and conduct routine reporting to track industry progress towards the goals.

Strategic Objectives

Strengthen program rigor and transparency:

The OCS program strives to continually evolve and improve via greater transparency through external inspections, data reporting, and international program alignment.

Create and share knowledge:

OCS creates an environment to aggregate industry knowledge on how to prevent, recover, and properly dispose of plastic resin, as well as provide a venue to share innovative solutions to resin loss challenges through both formal and informal knowledge sharing.

Improve recognition and communication:

Increase recognition of OCS as the premier industry-program advancing resin loss prevention to both raise awareness among stakeholders and policymakers, as well as achieve full participation across the plastics industry.

Expand scope:

Expand the breadth of OCS to ensure participation within each supply chain segment and coverage across countries and regions where plastic resin is handled.

