“Chapter 5: Calculating Compliance” Video Transcript

After you’ve reviewed the various compliance options, you’ll want to ensure that you’ve actually attained compliance by doing the calculations.

When it comes time for a product manufacturer to calculate their claim of compliance, they must use the formulas provided in Section 17945.5 of the RPPC regulations. These formulas ensure that product manufacturers use and report the appropriate data when submitting a claim for a particular compliance option. The formulas will also be made available on CalRecycle’s website.

For product manufacturers that have several products within RPPCs, compliance may be achieved based on averaging. Averages may be calculated using either data specific to California or nationwide. If averages are used to achieve compliance, all RPPCs must be accounted for in the calculation or achieve compliance through another compliance option.

Those other options include:

- The reusable compliance option, where the RPPC is routinely reused at least five(5) times, where the reuse is to hold a replacement product. And again, this does not refer to a container that is intended to be used or may be used to permanently hold the product sold in that container.
- There’s also the refillable RPPC compliance option, where the RPPC is routinely returned to and refilled by the product manufacturer, or its agent, at least five times to replenish the contents of the original RPPC.
- There is also the Alternative Container Compliance Method, where the product manufacturer, or another company under the same corporate ownership, consumes postconsumer material generated in California in the manufacture of RPPCs or other plastic products or plastic packaging that is equivalent to or exceeds twenty-five percent postconsumer material.