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Plastrec ups FDA-approved rPET production

Canadian plastics recycler Plastrec has announced that it has significantly expanded its production capacity by installing and combining two technologies at its Joliette, Quebec facility.

Plastrec will now be able to produce 40 million pounds of food-grade recycled PET a year beginning in February, according to Jennifer Duk procurement manager for the company. The added capacity is the result of Plastrec installing new equipment at its facility that includes extrusion technology by German company Gneuss and decontamination technology from the Swiss company Buhler. Dubé added that the majority of the PET flake the company will be used for pellets.

"This is brand new to us," said Dubé of the new equipment and capacity at Plastrec, which gets all of its materials from curbside collection.

Plastrec began installing the equipment at the facility last year, said Dubé. About the same time it also got approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and similar approval from Health Canada.



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