

Divert NS' EPR Oversight Newsletter

THE PRODUCER LOOP



Fees & Invoicing

The [2026 Fee Consultation Summary Report](#) and final fee rates were posted on Divert NS' website in July. Invoices will be issued in the EPR Portal on October 1, 2026. Payments are due net 60 days and may be made by electronic funds transfer (EFT), bill payment, or cheque. Producers can estimate their 2026 fees using the online [Fee Estimator](#).

Supply Report Verification

Staff continue to work on the internal verification and risk assessment of producers' 2026 supply reports. Through the process, staff identified potential free riders, and work is underway to determine their obligations under the regulations.

A notable observation during verification was that the producer hierarchy may not have been applied correctly. This can lead to inaccurate reporting on designated material weights and/or brands. Producers are encouraged to use the most recent [Brand List Template](#) to identify their relationship to each reported brand.

Compliance

Staff have been actively supporting producers in meeting regulatory requirements, and overall compliance rates are high.

Divert NS has developed a Compliance Framework that outlines a progressive approach to applying specific tools and measures to achieve compliance. The framework will be available on the website later this fall. The current focus is on education and outreach.

Key Performance Indicators

99.7%
2025 invoice payments received

97%
2026 supply reports received

6%
Producer registration increase since April 1, 2026





Producer Advisory Council

The Producer Advisory Council (PAC) held its inaugural meeting in April 2026. Divert NS provided background on the organization and its role as Administrator, discussed the 2026 fee consultation, and highlighted key compliance outcomes. Organizations represented on the PAC include Retail Council of Canada, Food, Health & Consumer Products of Canada, Restaurants Canada, Irving Oil Consumer Products, Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation and Sobeys. The next meeting of PAC will take place in November 2026.

Website Updates

This fall, Divert NS will be updating its website to include a Producer Hub. The Hub will serve as the central location for producer information related to the EPR for PPP Regulations, including guidance documents, resources, and the latest news.

In response to producer feedback, Divert NS introduced an online [Anonymous Reporting Tool](#) that provides an opportunity to anonymously submit information on potential free riders.



Divert NS EPR staff (from left to right): Ben Lynds (EPR Compliance Officer), Jacqueline Fahey (EPR Compliance Manager), Laura Bonga (EPR Compliance Officer)

Canadian EPR Forum

Divert NS staff attended the Canadian EPR Forum in Quebec City from September 14 to 16. The panels and presentations were very interesting and informative, and staff enjoyed connecting with many producers who attended.



CONTACT US

Divert NS welcomes any feedback and requests for topics for future newsletters. You can contact us at epersupport@divertns.ca.