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## Inteplast Earns 'Excellent' Environmental Rating

May 8, 2007

The Lolita, TX, plant of plastic manufacturer Inteplast Group has been awarded an "excellent" rating by the Environmentally Preferred Rating (EPR) program of the California Film Extruders and Converters Association (CFECA), according to an Inteplast press release.

Inteplast Group is one of the first companies in the industry to achieve such accreditation, certifying that it maintains environmentally sensitive production facilities, the release said.

[CFECA](#) is a trade association of manufacturers and suppliers involved in the plastic film extruding and converting industry in California. The EPR program is an environmental standards, audit, and accreditation program for the plastics industry.

### About the EPR Program

The primary goal of the EPR program is to assist producers of plastic film and bags to lessen their impact on the environment by reducing any industry contribution to air and waterway pollution, as well as landfill content. The program involves a thorough, independent, third-party environmental audit of a company's plastic facilities. It focuses on six main areas that have the highest potential impact to the environment: airborne emissions, liquid emissions, pellet containment, elimination of heavy metals, recycling programs, and post-consumer recycled material use.

As part of the program, consumers of plastic products are encouraged to buy only from EPR accredited producers.

In addition, plastic companies seeking EPR accreditation are required to participate in environmental activities in their communities such as highway or waterway clean-up efforts or school education programs. Inteplast Group assists and contributes to schools, hospitals, churches, and other support



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To learn more about CFECA's Environmentally Preferred Rating program, visit [www.epraccredited.org](http://www.epraccredited.org).

#### About Inteplast Group

Inteplast Group is a leading integrated plastic manufacturer in North America. All of Inteplast plants are certified with ISO 9001:2000. For more information, visit [www.Inteplast.com](http://www.Inteplast.com).

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