Chemistry is transforming waste into a valuable energy resource through advanced energy recovery technologies. Recovering this abundant energy complements recycling and reduces waste that would otherwise be sent to landfills.

Although traditional recycling rates in the U.S. are growing and must continue to do so, tons of high energy-content products, like non-recycled plastics and other materials, are buried in landfills every day – wasting a valuable energy source. Modern energy recovery facilities can process waste with fewer emissions than conventional fuels processed in most power plants, while innovative plastics-to-fuel technologies convert plastics into alternative fuels.

Chemistry is unlocking the energy in discarded materials:

- Recycling: Michigan recycles 833,589 tons of municipal solid waste each year.
- Energy Recovery: Converting non-recycled plastics to fuel in Michigan could provide enough fuel to power 412,000 cars each year. Energy recovery of non-recycled municipal solid waste in Michigan could provide enough fuel to power 665,000 homes each year.

UPDATE MICHIGAN’S RENEWABLE ENERGY LAW TO ALLOW:

- Use of municipal solid waste more fully as a direct source of energy while helping to avoid landfill.
- Promotion of advanced conversion technologies as part of Michigan’s commitment to diversify its energy base.
- Expanding development of alternative fuels made from municipal solid waste while creating jobs.

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