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The plastics recycling industry is facing difficult circumstances to say the least. Political and economic instability, historically low virgin polymer prices, and reluctant investors have caused the delay or outright cancellation of many projects and even the closing of many companies in the sector. Chemical recycling has the added challenge of a bad reputation – accused as a distraction to “real” solutions at best, and as a net contributor to environmental problems and to be avoided at all costs at worst. Will the still nascent chemical recycling industry die before it reaches adolescence? This presentation will address this question and propose possible solutions.

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