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THE TIDE IS TURNING! ARIZONA CALLS A HALT TO BAG BANS

The Oxo-biodegradable Plastics Association (www.biodeg.org) has welcomed the decision of Arizona's State Legislature to stop local cities and counties from banning plastic bags. "This is the first time that any legislature has passed a law against plastic bag bans - which are unjustified and unnecessary" they said, referring to <http://www.biodeg.org/bagbansandtaxes.html>

"Environmentalists attack old-fashioned plastic because it can lie or float around for decades if it gets into the open environment, but a new type of plastic is now available at little or no extra cost – it is called oxo-biodegradable and it converts into non-toxic biodegradable materials if it gets into the open environment. If collected it can be recycled with conventional plastics."

Instead of banning plastic, the UAE and nine other countries have made it mandatory to use this new type of plastic, which can be made by plastics factories with their existing machinery. Environmentalists also attack plastic because it is made from fossil resources, but the OPA points out that oil is extracted to make fuels, and that plastic is made from an inevitable by-product of refining – so the same amount of oil would be extracted if plastics did not exist.

"Plastic bags are immensely useful, and should never be banned without considering the logical alternatives" says the OPA "We are all concerned about preserving the environment, but environmentalists these days are becoming much too bossy!"

The OPA is a not-for profit organisation which exists to explain and promote oxo-biodegradable plastics technology.

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