R2v3 Transition Plan for existing and potential clients:

PJR values both existing and potential new clients. It is our wish to provide clear communication of revisions of standards, and any associated transition requirements, to assist in a seamless transition process. Deadlines and registrar expectations can be overwhelming; we will assist in navigating the complex process with insight from the Registrar's perspective. To avoid confusion for current and new clients alike, and to prevent a lapse in certification for those already certified to R2:2013, here are some key dates regarding the transition:

- Beginning 1/1/2021, all new registration audits (Stage 1 and Stage 2) must be to R2v3. Certification Bodies (CBs) will not be permitted to conduct registration audits to R2:2013 after 12/31/2020.

- Facilities with existing R2:2013 certifications expiring on or before 12/31/2021 will be able to be recertified to R2:2013 (should they choose to do so) **if:**
  - their R2:2013 recertification audit is completed before 1/1/2022,
  - all NCRs (both minor and major) from the recertification audit are closed/verified before certificate issuance, *and*

- Facilities with existing R2:2013 certifications expiring on or after 1/1/2022 must transition during Recertification, or by the 6/30/2023 deadline, whichever is sooner. Recyclers may not recertify to R2:2013 after 12/31/2021.
  - Clients may transition to R2v3 during any audit within their cycle, however the Transition Audit time will be equivalent to Stage I/II time to cover all Core Requirements and all applicable Process Requirements, per R2v3 Code of Practices (COP) requirements.
  - PJR recommends clients transition in 2022, and advises that transition audits after March 30, 2023 are likely to lapse.
  - R2v3 transition audits can be conducted up to 50% virtually.

- The final deadline for transition is 6/30/2023 (June 30, 2023). **All remaining and non-transitioned R2:2013 certificates will expire and be withdrawn on 7/1/2023.**

As a reminder, PJR allows 60 days for any corrective actions that may be required in response to NCRs. Once accepted by the auditor, an additional 4-6 weeks accounts for the time related to certification decision-making activities, including a technical package review by a PJR Executive Committee member, and the processing and issuance of the certificate by the Certificate team. The above timeframes should be carefully reviewed when planning an R2v3 transition.