



INTERSTATE CHEMICALS CLEARINGHOUSE

FACT SHEET

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Reducing toxic chemicals by:

- Improving access to information about chemical use
- Building capacity to identify safer chemicals and products
- Fostering collaboration and information sharing
- Harmonizing policies and programs
- Holding training events for members
- Addressing emerging issues

About

The Interstate Chemicals Clearinghouse (IC2) connects state and local governments and supporting members to encourage safer chemistry in consumer products. Through opportunities to discuss common issues and participation in IC2 workgroups, state and local agencies and supporting members can share strategies, build capacity and reduce duplication of effort.

The IC2's goals include:

- Enhance efficiency, increase effectiveness, and avoid duplication of work on chemicals among agencies through collaboration and coordination
- Build governmental capacity to identify and promote safer chemicals and products
- Ensure that agencies, businesses, and the public have ready access to high-quality and authoritative chemicals data, information, and assessment methods

The IC2 was formed in 2010 by a core group of ten states and one local government after two years of planning. While only state, local, or tribal agencies are eligible to be full members of IC2, supporting members are welcome and integral to the organization.

Services

- Data and information collection, management, and dissemination, including chemical use reporting, lists of chemicals of concern, chemical hazard assessments, and alternatives assessments
- Convene diverse stakeholders for greater collective impact and knowledge-sharing through workgroups, roundtables, board and all-member meetings, and webinars
- Harmonize programs, policies, and methods among members and aligned agencies and organizations
- Identify, assess, and collaborate on solutions to emerging issues



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Structure

The IC2 is a program of the Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association (NEWMOA), which provides staff support and fiscal services to the IC2.

IC2 Board of Directors

The Board of Directors oversees and coordinates the IC2. The Board includes representatives of the state, local, and tribal government agencies with directors or commissioners that sign an IC2 Membership Memorandum of Agreement.

IC2 All Member Meetings & Roundtables

The IC2's all member meetings and roundtables support the mission and goals of the IC2 and provide a forum for collaboration and sharing advice and expertise. The IC2's all member meetings include the Board of Directors and representatives of the supporting members.

IC2 Members & Supporting Members

The IC2 invites state, local, and tribal governments to join as members. Local government entities include municipal, county, township, districts, and multi-county or multi-municipal regional agencies. IC2 supporting members may include non-governmental organizations, businesses, labor organizations, academic programs, and unaffiliated individuals. The full listing of IC2 members and supporting members can be [found here](#).

Current Databases

High Priority Chemicals Data System (HPCDS)

The IC2 provides an online portal for manufacturers to report on the presence of high priority chemicals in products. The HPCDS facilitates greater efficiency and cost effectiveness for states to fulfill the requirements under their children's and high priority products disclosure laws.

Chemical Hazard Assessment Database (CHAD)

The Chemical Hazard Assessment Database enables users to search for GreenScreen® assessments. The Database promotes awareness of hazard assessments conducted on chemicals of high concern, facilitates transparency and discussion, and reduces duplication of effort.

PFAS Reporting Information System for Manufacturers (PRISM)

The IC2 provides an online portal for manufacturers to report on the presence of intentionally added PFAS in products. PRISM is based on the successful HPCDS and establishes a framework for implementation of similar reporting programs at a greatly reduced cost.

Workgroups

IC2 Alternatives Assessment Workgroup

The purpose of the IC2's Alternative Assessment Workgroup is to support state efforts to develop flexible and adaptive steps that follow a shared understanding of what constitutes an alternatives assessment for chemicals of concern.

IC2 Database User Group

The purpose of the IC2's Database User Group is to understand and assess the chemical data needs of IC2 members and to develop systems to address those needs. The Group provides a forum for states that utilize, or are considering utilizing, the IC2 databases for chemicals in products reporting to discuss operations, maintenance, and development.

IC2 LIDAC Workgroup

The purpose of the IC2's LIDAC Workgroup is to explore and identify ways to more fully address communities that have a disproportionate burden of environmental challenges.

IC2 PFAS Workgroup

The IC2 PFAS Workgroup provides a forum to discuss and collaborate on PFAS use reduction, with the goal of learning from and not replicating work being done around the country. The Workgroup focuses on prevention and safer alternatives for current uses of PFAS in products.

IC2 Procurement Workgroup

The purpose of the IC2's Procurement Workgroup is to advance environmentally preferable government procurement to enhance the market for less-toxic products.

IC2 Product Testing Workgroup

The purpose of the IC2's Product Testing Workgroup is to serve as a forum for sharing information about validated test methods for chemicals in consumer products and a venue for collaboration on developing and validating new methods.

IC2 TSCA Workgroup

The purpose of the IC2's State and Local Government TSCA Workgroup is to track and engage in US EPA's TSCA activities and ensure federal decisions consider state, local government, and tribal experience in reducing the use of toxic chemicals. This workgroup has also evolved into a forum for monitoring and discussing federal TSCA actions that have potential to impact state-level chemical policy.