

IC² 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:

- Avoid duplication and enhance efficiency and effectiveness of agency initiatives on chemicals 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. The IC² is its members

Services

- Support for health and environmental agencies with development and implementation of programs that promote use of safer chemicals and products
- Support for the development of alternatives assessment methods and identification of safer alternatives
- Data and information on use, hazard, exposure, and alternatives
- Strategies and outcomes on chemicals prioritization
- Support for capacity building by sharing materials, strategies, and training
- Assistance for agencies in meeting the relevant information needs of businesses, consumers, and the public.

Learn More:



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

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

Current Databases

High Priority Chemicals Data System (HPCDS)

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 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.

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 Workgroup

The purpose of the IC2's Database Workgroup is to understand and assess the chemical data needs of IC2 members and to develop systems to address those needs.

IC2 LIDAC Workgroup

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

IC2 PFAS Workgroup

The purpose of the IC2's PFAS Workgroup is to provide a forum for sharing information and collaborating on PFAS reduction, with the goal of learning from and not replicating work being done around the world.

IC2 Procurement Workgroup

The purpose of the IC2's Procurement Workgroup is to advance low toxicity government procurement. One area of interest includes how patterns of chemical use inform environmentally preferable procurement.

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 and local government experience in reducing the use of toxic chemicals.

IC2 Members & Supporting Members

Members

California Department of Toxic Substances Control
San Francisco Department of the Environment
Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
Office of Technical Assistance
Massachusetts Operational Services Division
Toxics Use Reduction Institute
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
Minnesota Department of Health
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
New York Pollution Prevention Institute
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Oregon Health Authority
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
Vermont Department of Health
Hazardous Waste Management Program, Seattle & King County
Washington Department of Ecology
Washington Department of Health

Supporting Members

Center for Environmental Health
Center for Sustainable Materials Management
ChemFORWARD
City of Portland
Clean and Healthy New York
Clean Production Action
Clean Water Action Minnesota
Clean Water Fund
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Lowell Center for Sustainable Production at University of Mass Lowell
National Tribal Toxics Council
New York State Pollution Prevention Institute
North Carolina Conservation Network
Pacific Northwest Pollution Prevention Resource Center
Oregon Environmental Council
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