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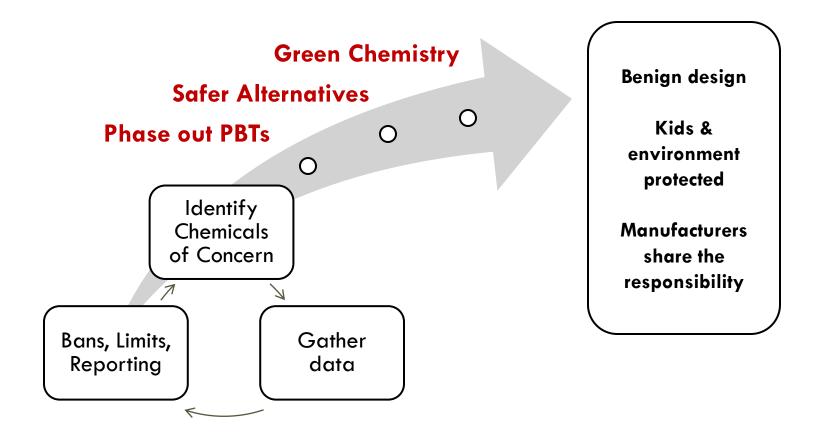
# CHEMICALS IN PRODUCTS ECOLOGY'S DATA AND POLICY EFFORTS

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### Prevention

Averting toxic exposures and avoiding future costs is the smartest, cheapest and healthiest approach.





## Ecology's Efforts

#### >>>BANS

PBDEs, including deca-BDE in certain products

Toxics in packaging

Bisphenol A in children's bottles/cups, sports bottles

Lead in wheel weights

Copper in brake pads, boat paint

Coal tar sealants

#### >>> DATA COLLECTION

Children's Safe Product Act reporting rule

Product testing

Brake pad law

#### >>> STAKEHOLDER PROCESSES

Chemical Action Plans for Persistent, Bioaccumulative Toxics (PBTs)

Alternatives assessment guidance

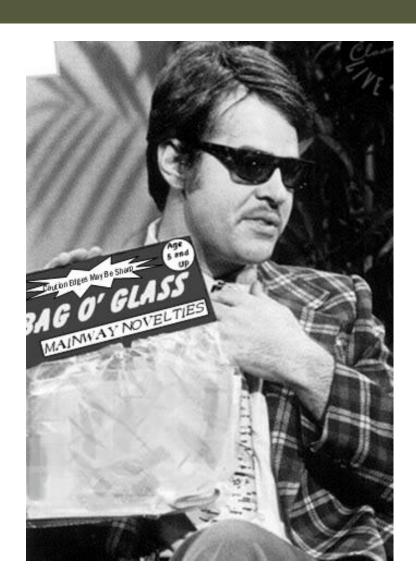
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### Definition of "children's product"

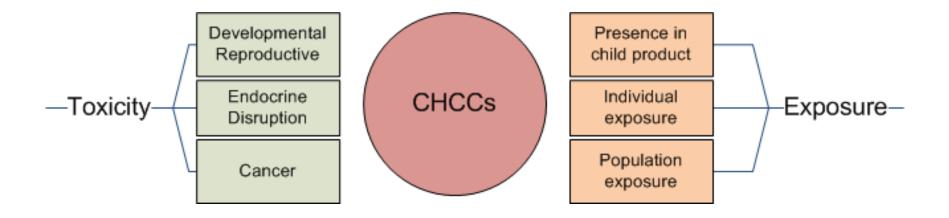
- Toys
- Children's Cosmetics
- Children's Jewelry
- Children's Clothing
- Child car seats
- •Products intended to help a child with sucking or teething, to facilitate sleep, relaxation, or the feeding of a child

Requires manufacturers of children's products to report if their products contain a Chemical of High Concern to Children (CHCC)

List of 66 CHCCs established by rule

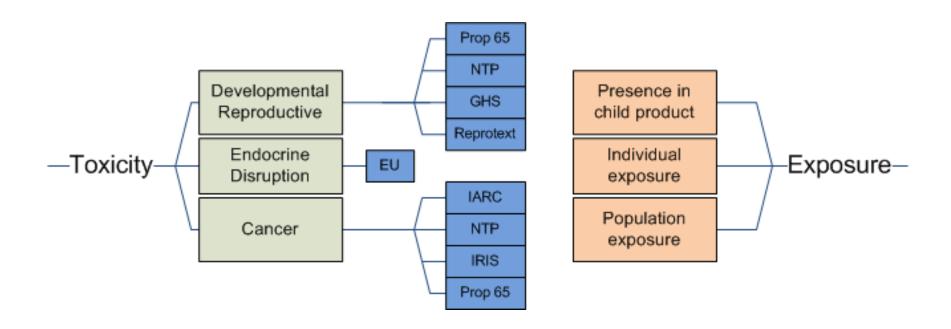


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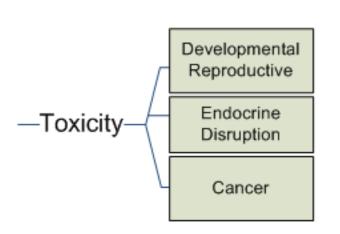


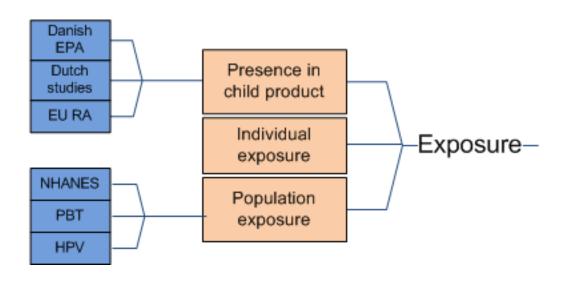
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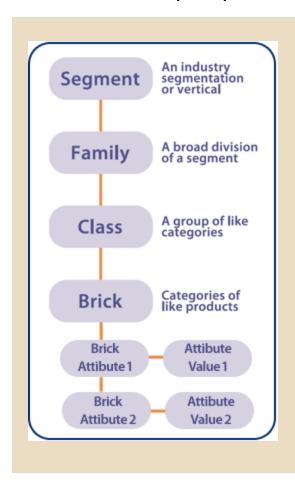
## CSPA – phased-in reporting

| Manufacturer Categories (US Aggregate Gross Sales) | Product Tier 1 •Intended to be put in mouth •Intended for on skin •Mouthable & for under 3 | Product Tier 2 Intended for prolonged skin contact (>1hr) Clothing, jewelry | Product Tier 3 •Intended for short skin contact (<1 hr) •Toys |
|--|--|---|---|
| Largest (\$1 billion+)                             | August 2012  | February 2013   | August 2013   |
| Larger (\$250 million-<br>\$1 billion)             | February 2013  | August 2013   | August 2014   |
| Medium (\$100 million-<br>\$250 million)           | August 2013  | August 2014   | August 2015   |
| Small (\$5 million - \$100 million)                | August 2014  | August 2015   | August 2016   |
| Smaller (\$100,000-<br>\$5 million)                | August 2015  | August 2016   | August 2017   |
| Tiny (>\$100,000)                                  | August 2016  | August 2017   | August 2018   |



## CSPA – reporting framework

Manufacturers report presence of CHCCs by product category and product component.



#### Segment

Arts/crafts/needlework

Baby care

Beauty/personal care

Clothing

Footwear

Household

Personal accessories

Toys/games

#### **Example bricks**

Artists paints/dyes, Artists pastels/crayons, Jewelry craft materials, Sand art supplies

Pacifiers/teething rings, Baby bath safety products, Baby changing mats, Baby furniture/transportation/safety

Cosmetic aids/accessories, Fragrances, Hairshampoo, Dental cleansing, Lip Balms

Handwear, Headwear, Skirts, Socks, Trousers/Shorts, Sleepwear Variety Packs

Athletic footwear, Boots, Shoes

Cushions, Bed sheets/valances, Pillow cases

Anklets, Earrings, Necklaces, Rings, Tiaras

Board games, Practical jokes, Puppets, Developmental/educational toys, Outdoor games, Toy vehicles, Role play – kitchen toys

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Manufacturers report presence of CHCCs by product category and product component.

- •Bio-based Materials (Animal or Plant based) ex. leather, horn, silk, wool
- •Glass, Ceramic and Siliceous material
- •Homogenous Mixtures (gels, creams, powders, liquids, adhesives, synthetic fragrances)
- •Inks/Dyes/Pigments
- Metals (Including alloys)
- •Surface coatings (paints, plating, waterproofing etc.)
- •Synthetic Polymers (synthetic rubber, plastics, foams etc.)
- •Textiles (synthetic fibers and blends)
- •Other



## CSPA – required information

Manufacturers must report the function of the CHCC and in what amount it is present.

| Accelerator                                   | Dispersant          | Manufacturing additive    | Solvent                    |
|---|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Adhesive                                      | Emulsifier          | Mold/press release        | Source contaminant         |
| Antioxidant                                   | Flame retardant     | No function — contaminant | Stabilizer                 |
| Antistatic agent                              | Flavoring           | pH adjustment             | Stain prevention           |
| Binding agent                                 | Fragrance           | Physical characteristics  | Surfactant                 |
| Catalyst                                      | Germicidal          | Plasticizer/softener      | Texture                    |
| Coloration/Pigments/<br>Dyes/Inks             | Hardening           | Preservative              | UV stabilizer/<br>absorber |
| Component of plastic resin or polymer process | Inactive ingredient | Protective coating        | Water proofing             |
| Conductive material                           | Lubricant           | Reinforcement/strength    |                            |



### CSPA - required information

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### Reporting Ranges

**Range 1:** < 100 ppm and >= PQL

**Range 2:** < 500 ppm and >= 100 ppm

**Range 3:** < 1000 ppm and >= 500 ppm

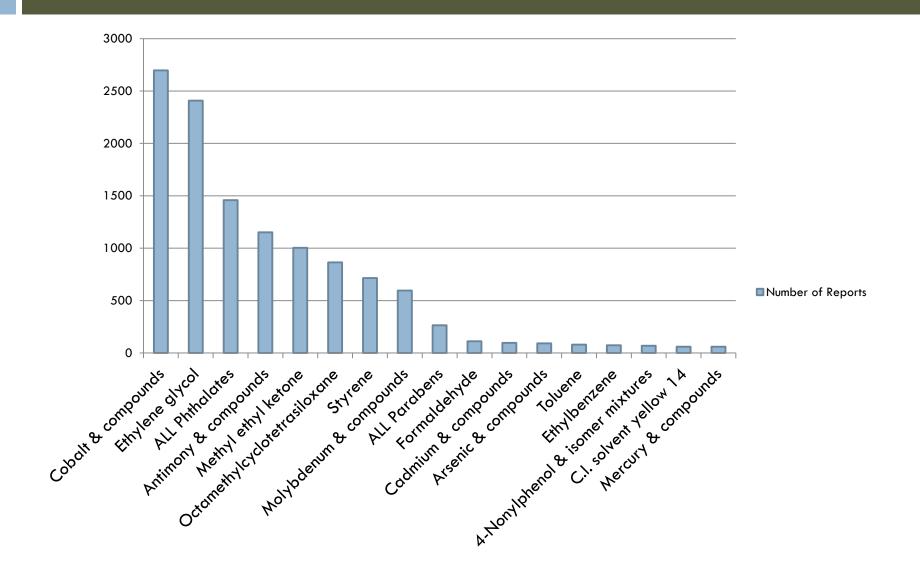
**Range 4:** < 5000 ppm and >= 1000 ppm

**Range 5:** < 10,000 ppm and >= 5000 ppm

**Range 6:** >= 10000 ppm

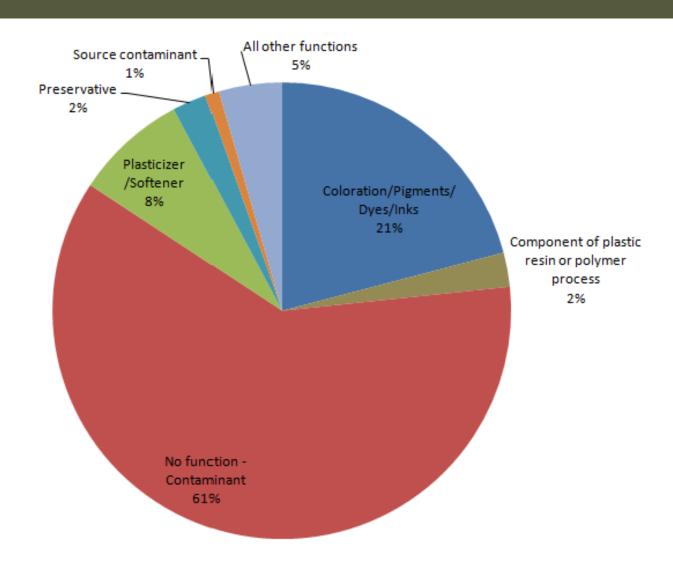


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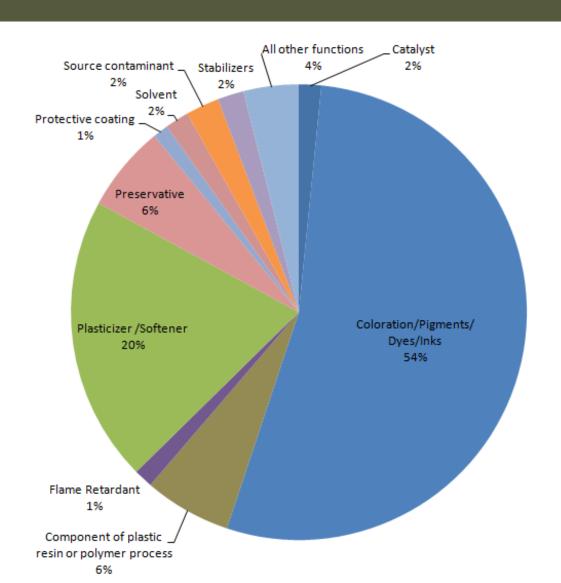


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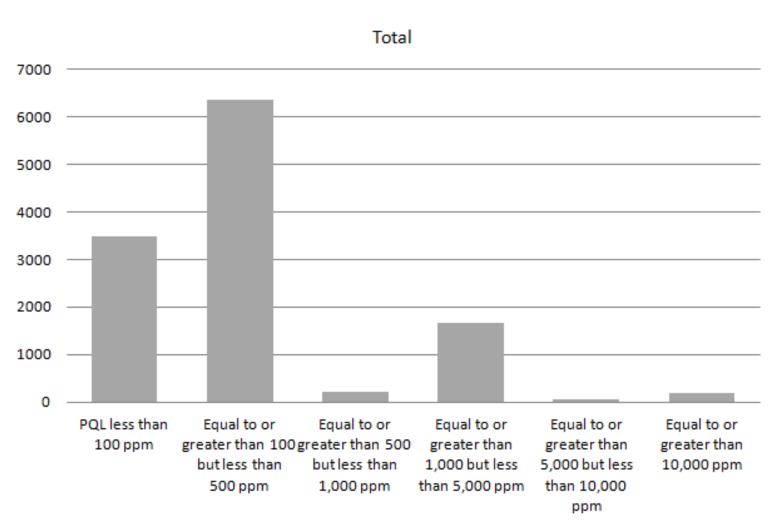


### Reports per function minus contaminants



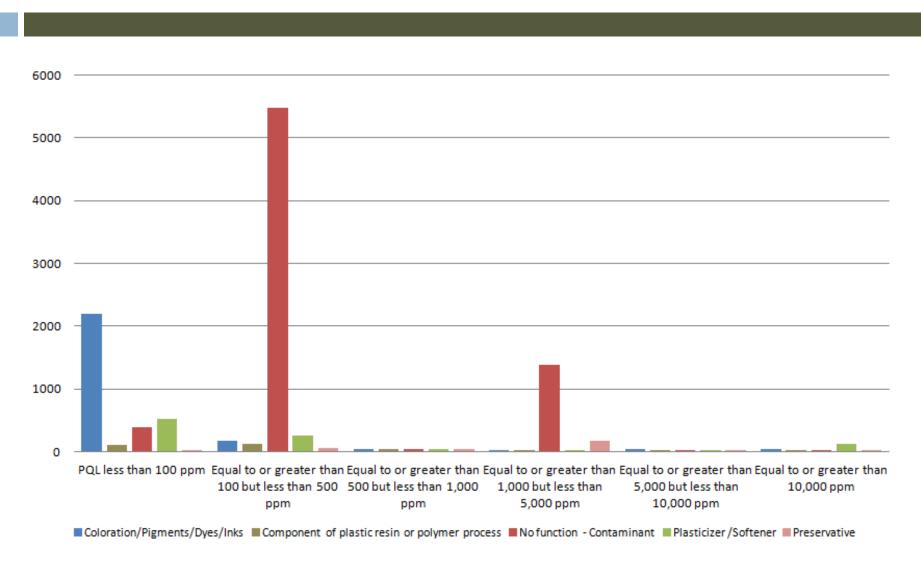


### Reports per concentration category



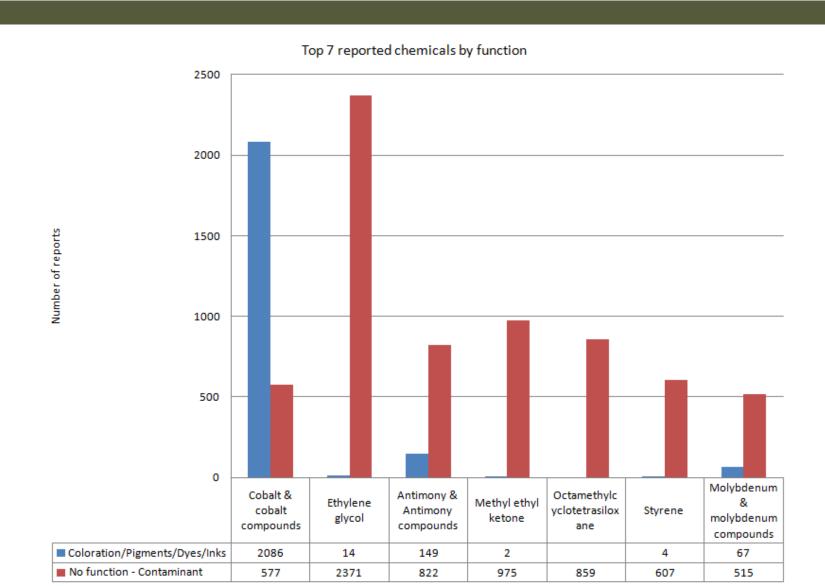


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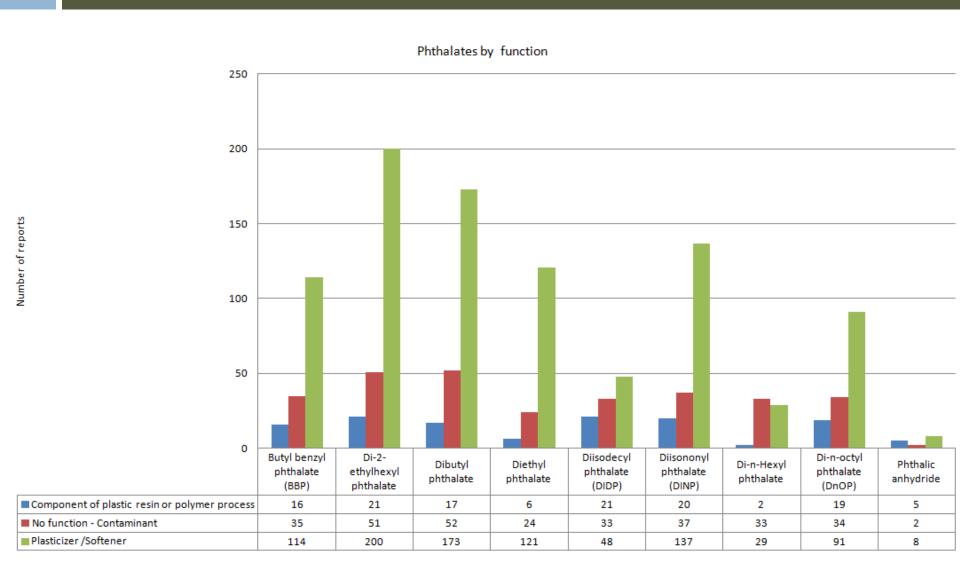




### Top 7 reported chemicals by top functions

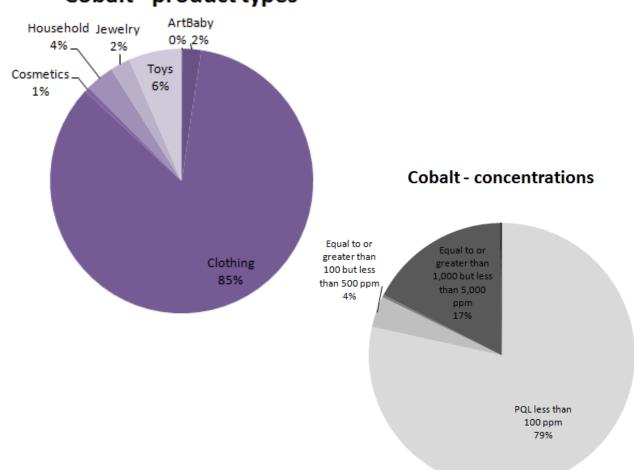


### Phthalates by top functions

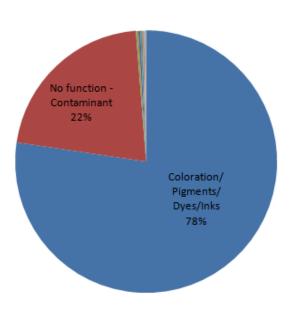




#### Cobalt - product types

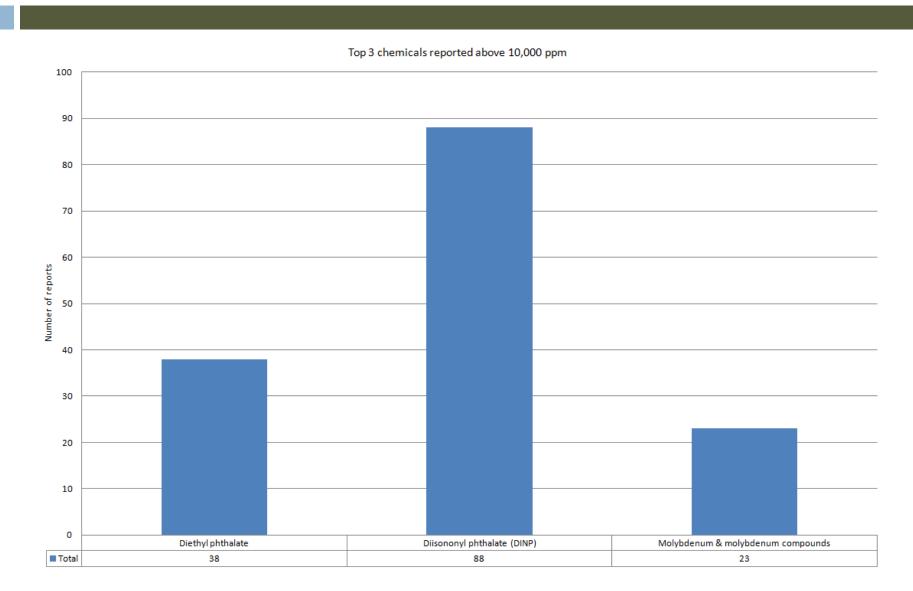


#### **Cobalt - function**





### Top 3 chemicals reported at high levels





Testing children's products to assure compliance with the Children's Safe Product Act Reporting Rule

(WAC 173-334; Ch. 70.240 RCW)

| Lab budget       | \$168,000 (~600 samples) Grant funding from Attorney General settlement with Mattel  |
|------------------|--|
| Target chemicals | Parabens, phthalates, metals, formaldehyde, volatile organic compounds   |
| Target products  | Children's cosmetic & personal care products, children's toys, children's jewelry, packaging from consumer and children's products |
| Final reports    | November 2013  |

Ecology is currently developing a product testing database to facilitate public access to data from product testing projects.



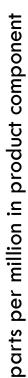
Parabens are the most widely used preservatives in cosmetic products. Various parabens and paraben mixtures are intentionally added to thousands of cosmetic products.

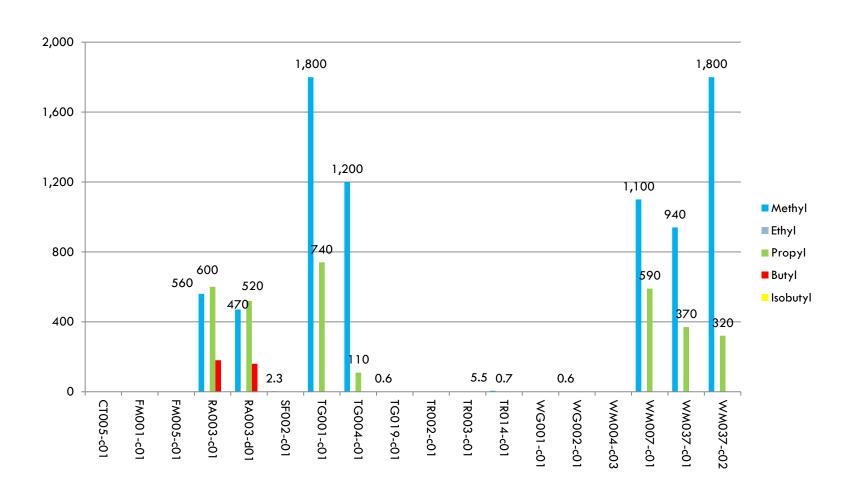
All five parabens on the list of Chemicals of High Concern to Children have been classified as Category 1 endocrine disruptors by the European Union.

| Category                  | Number | Percent |
|---------------------------|--------|---------|
| Baby and bath accessories | 16     | 37.2%   |
| Cosmetics & fragrances    | 5      | 11.6%   |
| Lip balm & gloss          | 13     | 30.2%   |
| Halloween (makeup)        | 7      | 16.3%   |
| Miscellaneous             | 2      | 4.7%    |



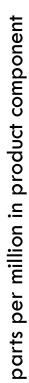
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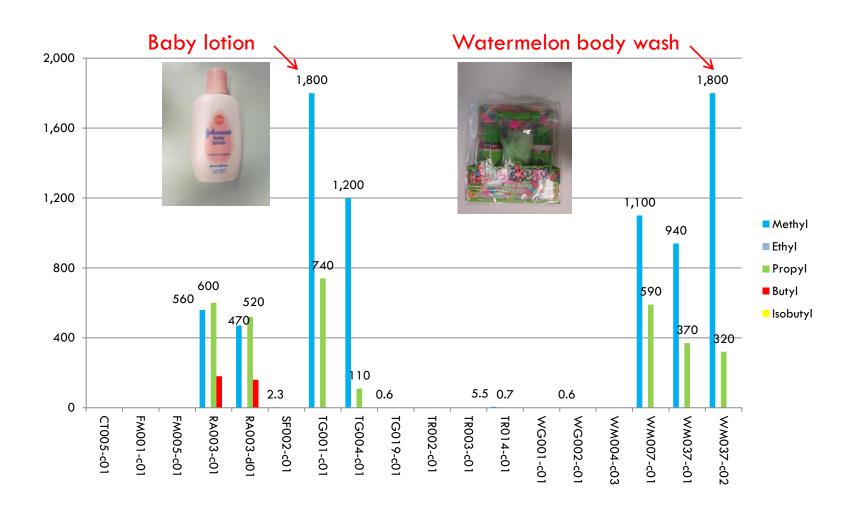






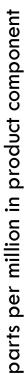
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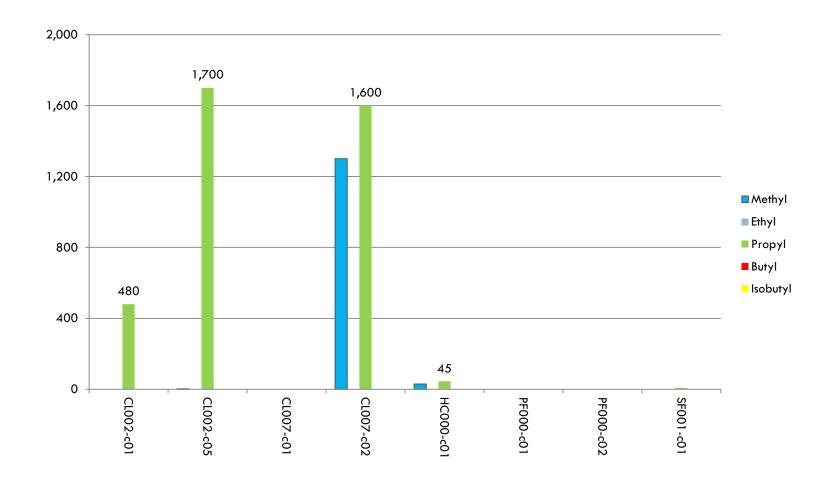






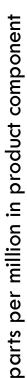
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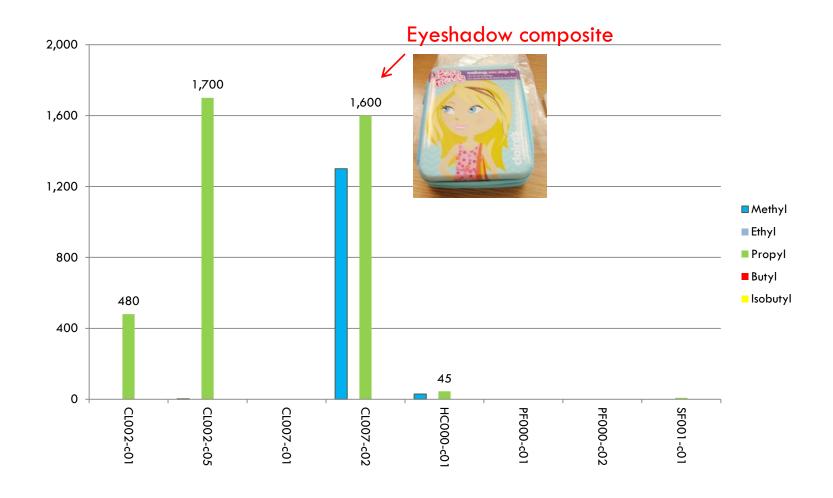






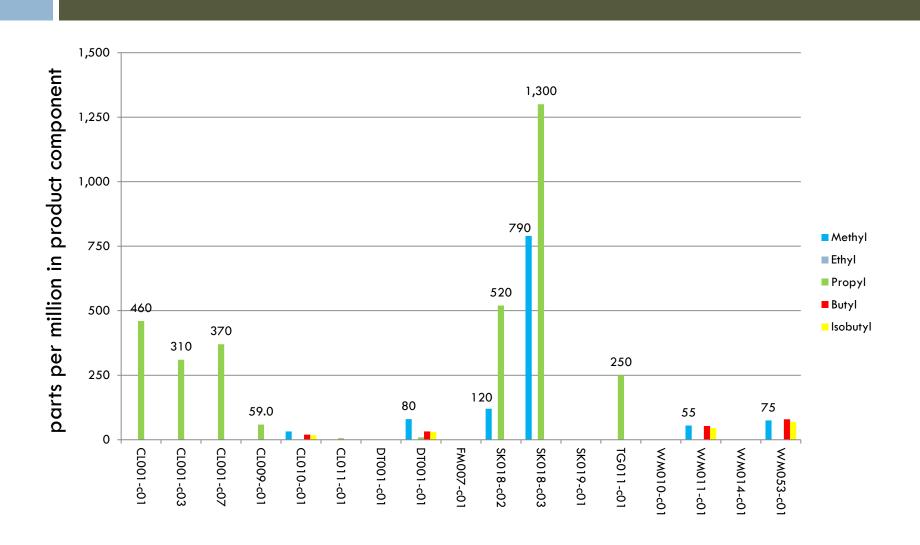
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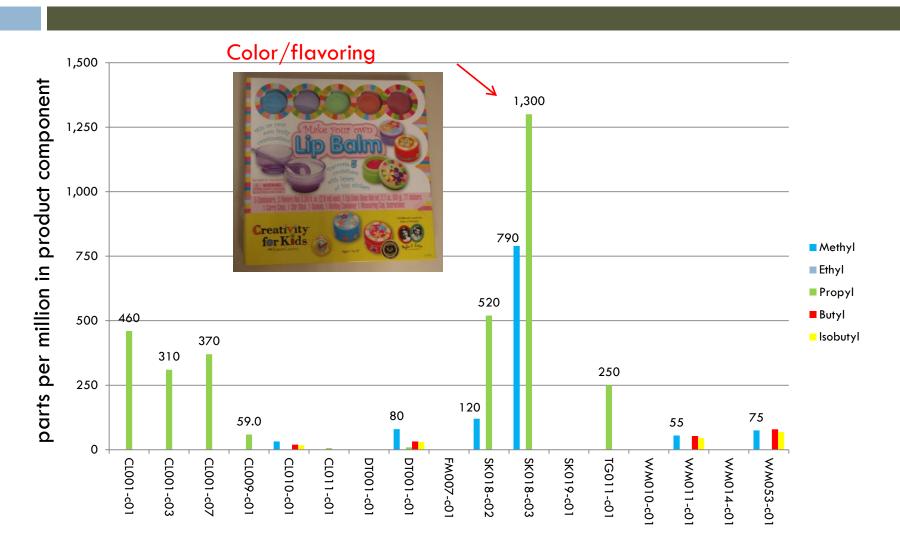


## Parabens – lip balm/gloss



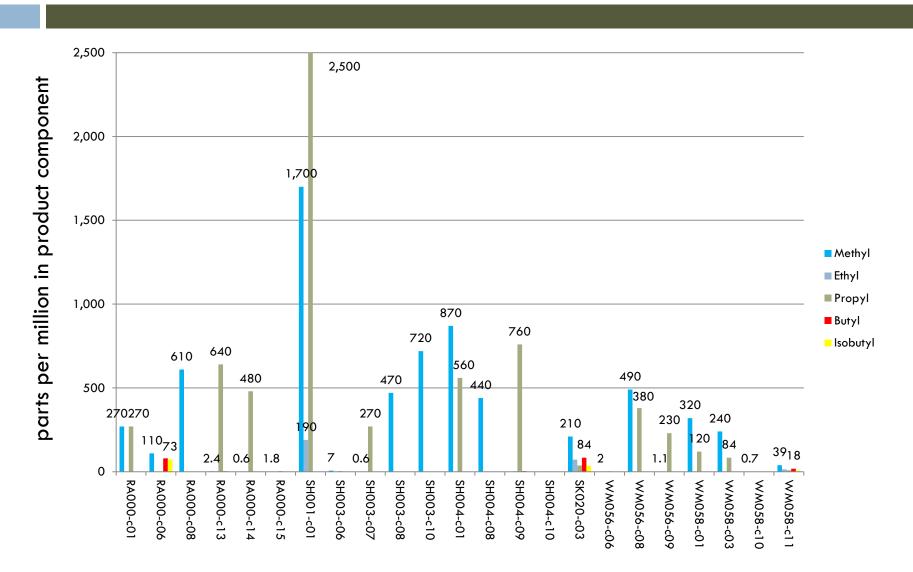


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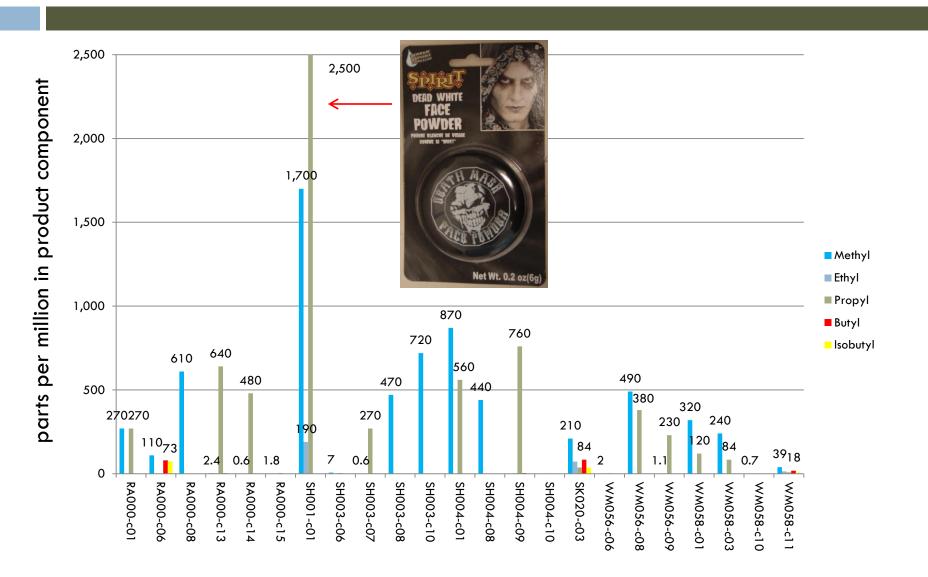


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### Parabens – conclusions

#### Conclusions:

- Parabens can be analyzed at low levels in a wide variety of products
- •Found in appreciable levels in many products mouthed by children or applied to their skin
- •Halloween makeup contained highest levels and greatest incidence of detection



### Phthalates – products tested

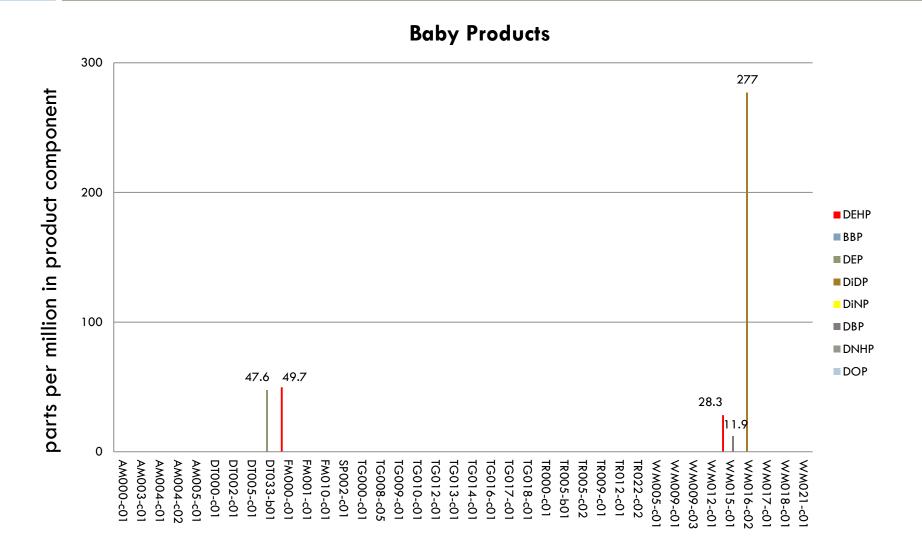
Phthalates are widely used as plasticizers to soften plastics.

There are 9 phthalates on the list of Chemicals of High Concern to Children. They are listed for concerns about developmental toxicity, reproductive toxicity, endocrine disruption. Only 6 of these phthalates are banned by federal law above 1000ppm.

| Category        | Number | Percent |
|-----------------|--------|---------|
| Art             | 5      | 5.8%    |
| Baby            | 35     | 40.7%   |
| Bath            | 15     | 17.4%   |
| Cosmetics       | 7      | 8.1%    |
| Fragrance       | 12     | 14.0%   |
| Halloween items | 5      | 5.8%    |
| Shoes           | 7      | 8.1%    |



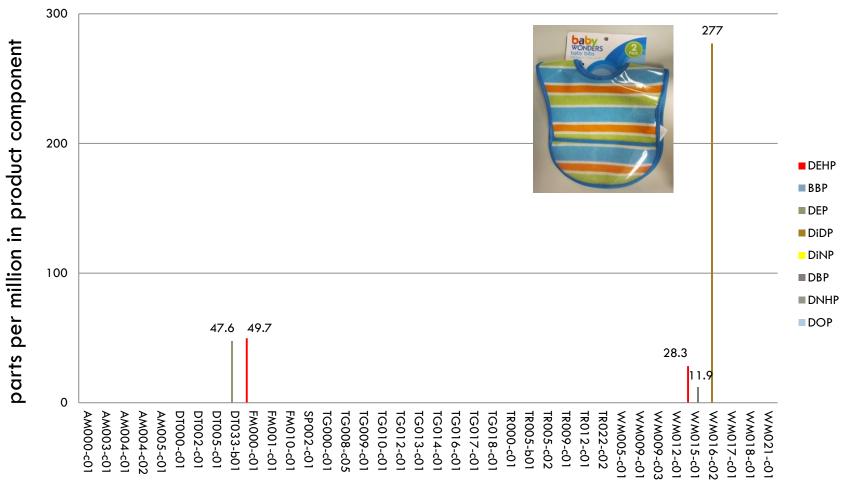
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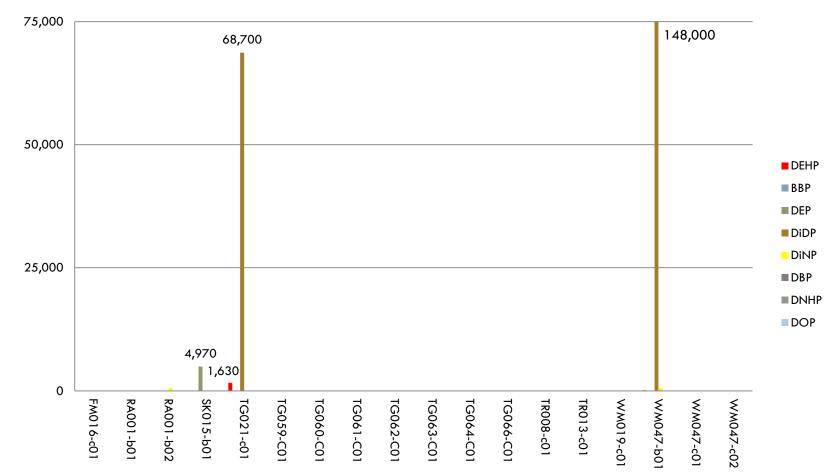




parts per million in product component

## Phthalates – bath products

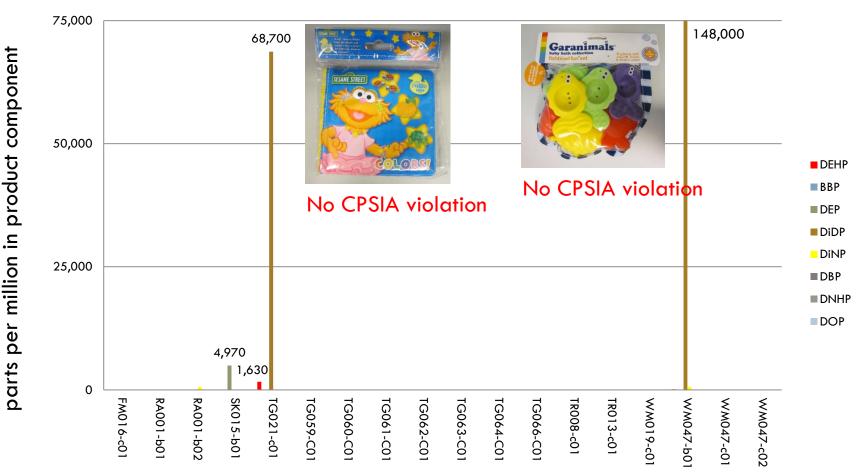






## Phthalates – bath products







# Phthalates – perfumes/fragrances



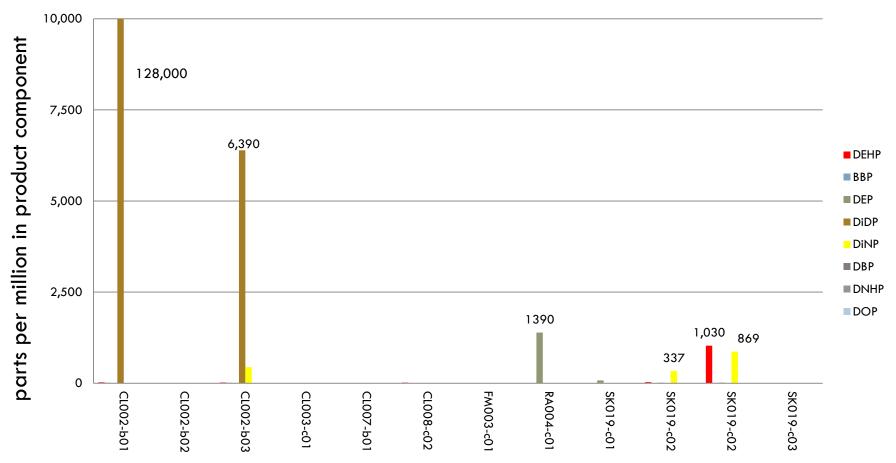


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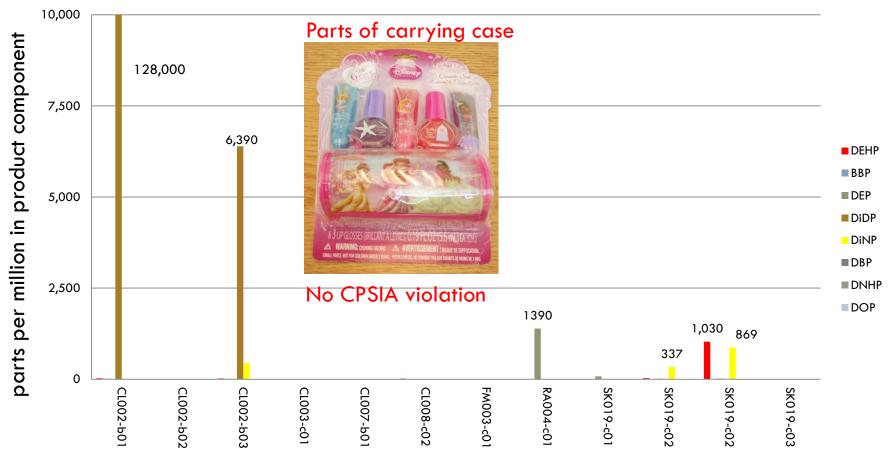
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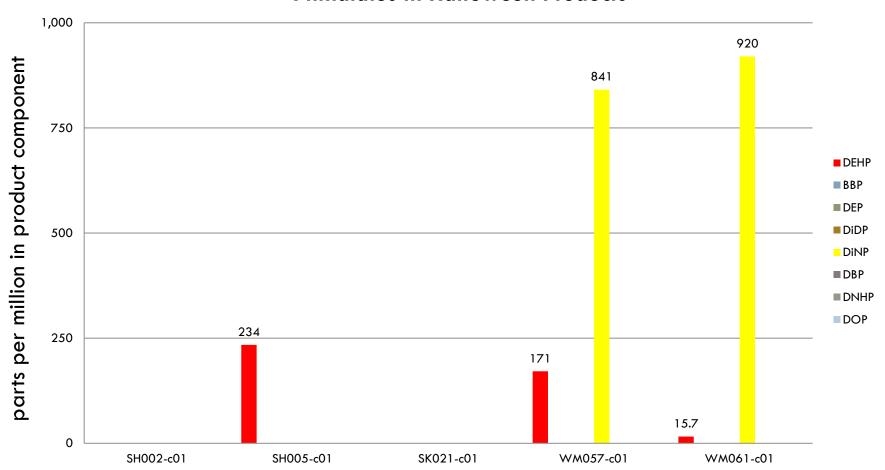
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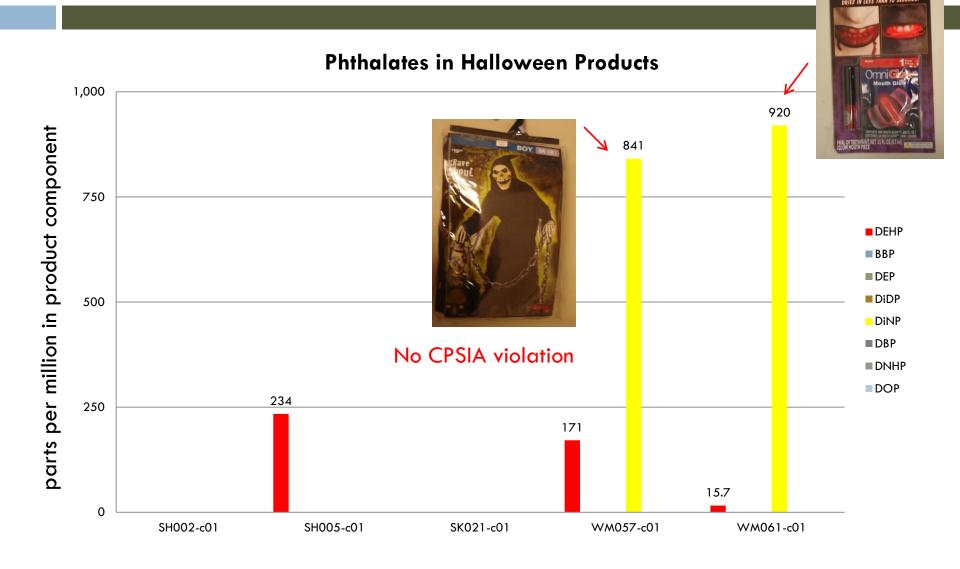
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#### Phthalates in Halloween Products



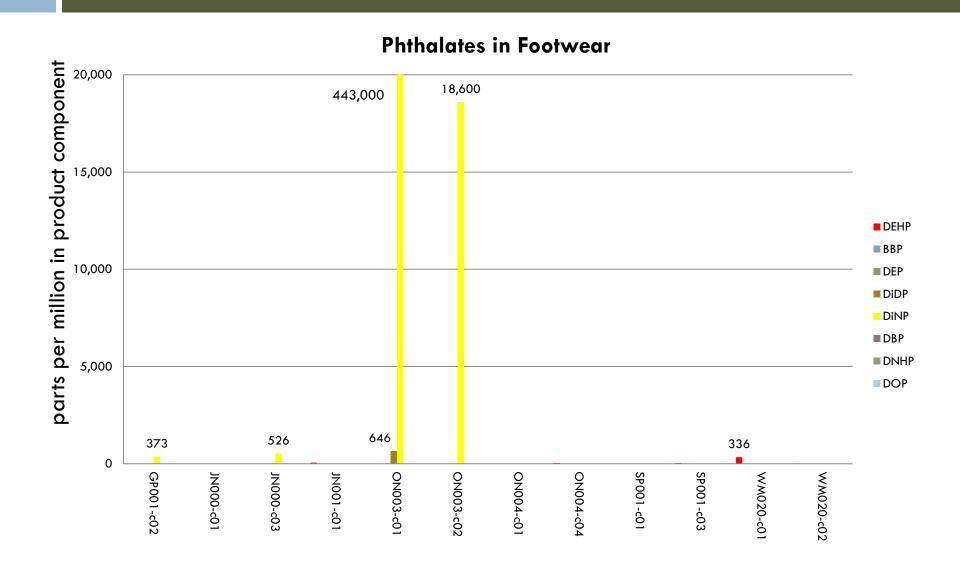


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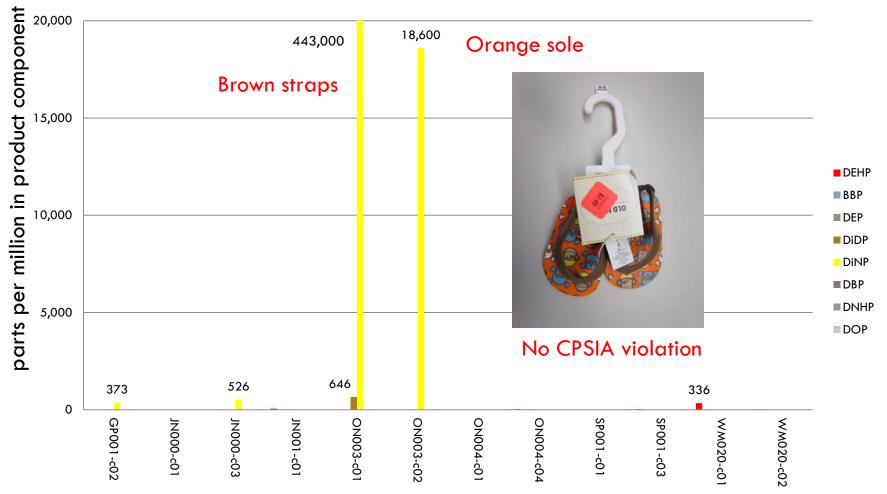


## Phthalates – footwear



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#### Phthalates – conclusions

#### Conclusions:

- •Phthalates can be analyzed at low levels in a wide variety of products
- •Found in appreciable levels in many products
- •Found in some unexpected product types (e.g. makeup)
- •High levels found in a few products (e.g. baby sandals)



### Metals – conclusions

#### Conclusions:

- •A wide range of product types can be analyzed for the metals of interest.
- •Metals can be detected at ppm levels in all products categories encompassing a range of different media types.
- •Several products contained antimony at reportable levels.
- •Cobalt was found in most clothing tested and may be tied to the use of cobalt based blue dyes.
- •A majority of children's products tested had at least one of the six metals at reportable levels.



# Other product testing

Testing containers for children under 3 & sports bottles to assure compliance with restrictions on Bisphenol A (Ch. 70.280 RCW)

| Lab budget       | \$43, 538 (74 samples) Ecology funds  |
|------------------|---|
| Target chemicals | Bisphenol A   |
| Target products  | Baby bottles, sippy cups, toddler containers (bowls and plates), and plastic & metal sports bottles |
| Final report     | https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/SummaryPages/1303005.html                                  |

**Results:** Only one sample contained BPA above PQL (20 ppm). High degree of compliance with restrictions on BPA.



# Other product testing

Testing products that may contain flame retardants to assure compliance with restrictions on PBDEs and investigate current use of alternatives (Ch.70.76 RCW)

| Lab budget       | \$175,000 (~300 samples) EPA National Estuary Program Puget Sound grant funds  |
|------------------|--|
| Target chemicals | PBDEs (penta-, octa-, & deca-), polybrominated diphenyl ethanes, TCEP, TCPP, TDCPP, RDP, TPP   |
| Target products  | <ul> <li>Products containing polyurethane foam (changing mats, children's furniture, mattresses &amp; pads)</li> <li>Flame retardant workwear, children's sleepwear</li> <li>Electrical products (hair dryers, heaters, cooking implements, battery chargers)</li> <li>Electronic products (televisions, computers)</li> </ul> |
| Final report     | January 2014   |

**Initial results:** Detections of bromine via X-Ray Fluorescence screening indicating likely presence of brominated flame retardants. Lab results pending.

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#### **RESOURCES**

Children's Safe Product Act:

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/cspa/

RCW 70.270

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70.240

WAC 173-334

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-334

Listserv:

http://listserv.wa.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A0=CHILDRENS-SAFE-PRODUCTS

Search data on children's products:

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/cspa/search.html

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