

## IC2 Database Meeting Notes

April 12, 2021

Attending: Melissa Nadeau, Andy Bray (IC2 Staff); Bobbi Wilding, Nancy Rice, Tom Boucher, Emily Dominiak, Al Innes, Pam Hadad-Hurst

The group reviewed slides of the recent survey of the databases...

CHAD: most feedback positive to keep it, discussion that the database doesn't require a lot of resources and that IC2 staff can maintain updating it

State Chemicals of Concern Database: most labor intensive to maintain and update, this database doesn't get a lot of use (as reported) by IC2 members, noted that "normalization" would be needed to redo this database, and IC2 would need to get a cost estimate (ERG or Andy Bray could provide these services) to further evaluate this

U.S. States Chemical Policy Database: noted that this database has a longer list of chemicals than the Safer States database...back in 2015, there was discussion with Chemical Watch and IC2 to collaborate on keeping this updated – funding didn't materialize for the project to move forward

Summary of decisions (pulled from Memo to IC2 E.C. on recommendations for databases):

*After consideration of possible options, the Database Workgroup is making the following recommendations for the IC2 Executive Committee to consider:*

- 1) The CHAD should be maintained. This database requires relatively low resource input and there is a clear procedure in place for update. Database workgroup members value this resource.*
- 2) The Chemical Policy Database should be discontinued and archived. This database requires considerable research time to update proposed and enacted policy. There are also other sources that can provide this information. The Database Workgroup would like to see this resource archived on the IC2 website with a note indicating that it will no longer be maintained.*

3) *The States' Chemicals of Concern Database requires further evaluation. Database workgroup members indicated relatively strong support for maintaining this database because it offers a unique way to compare State's chemicals of concerns lists. However, this database is out of date and will require resources to update it. If feasible, IC2 members are willing to assist with the updates. The Database Workgroup asks the Executive Committee to further weigh the options for maintaining this database.*

Slides from the survey regarding the AA Library will be sent to the IC2 AA Workgroup for their next meeting later this week.

HPCDS Database:

- San Francisco in contract discussions with IC2 regarding using it to report on flame retardants in furniture
- IC2 working with Vermont to add their reporting requirements for recent chemical reporting law, IC2 has a call with VT this week and may have more details after that on timing
- New York's regs have to be finalized by 3/1/22 and at that point they will know for certain what HPCDS edits they will need. They expect to have a good idea of the edits needed once the regs go out for public comment (they're aiming for this summer). NY may be ready to start the contracting process once the public comment period is over, likely this fall. Manufacturers have to start reporting to NY by a year after the regs are finalized (so around 3/1/23), they and we will need our HPCDS edits done by then.
- Consideration of requesting use of some of the IC2 carryover funds to enhance shelf-level functionality of HPCDS, to improve ability of IC2 states to get data out of the HPCDS
- HPCDS subgroup (of the Database Workgroup) recently created a list of potential future enhancements of the HPCDS, will prioritize it in the near future