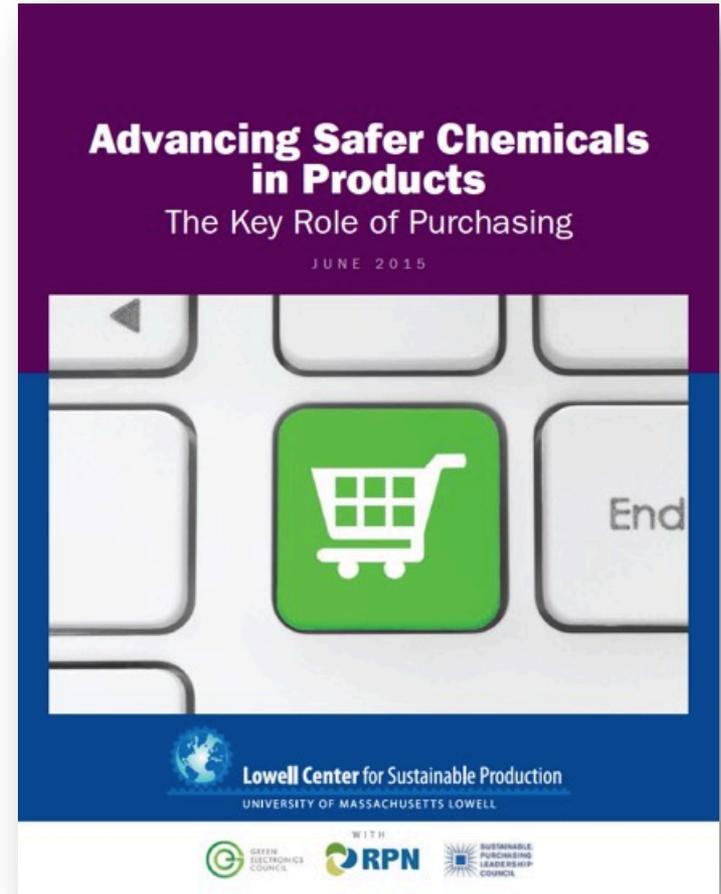


# Strategies and Tools for Purchasing Products with Safer Chemistries

September 30th, 2015



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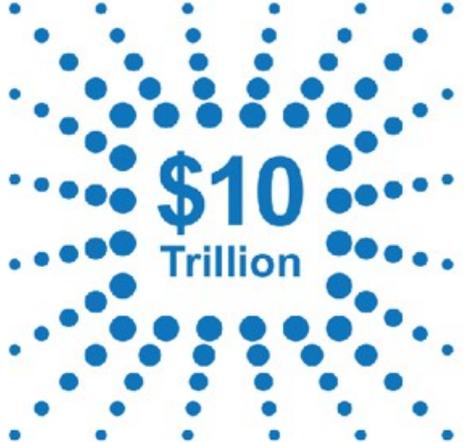
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## Opportunity



**\$10**  
Trillion

**Institutional purchasers** send a powerful economic signal that focuses the forces of market innovation.

## Challenge

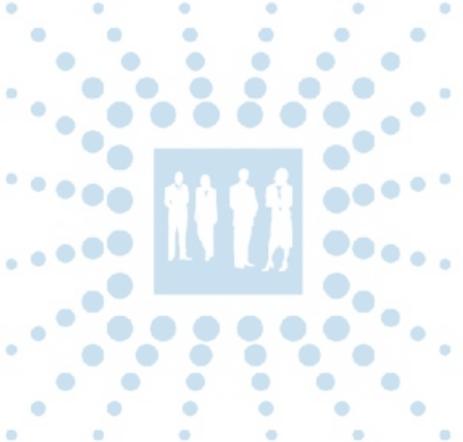


**Purchasers** lack shared resources to build a robust strategy and avoid duplication of effort.



**Suppliers** face multiple, "different but similar" market signals as they seek to differentiate their offerings.

## Solution



A **shared program** provides a framework for leadership action and aligns market innovation for a positive future.

# Presentations



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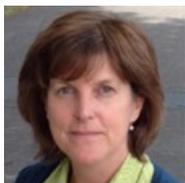
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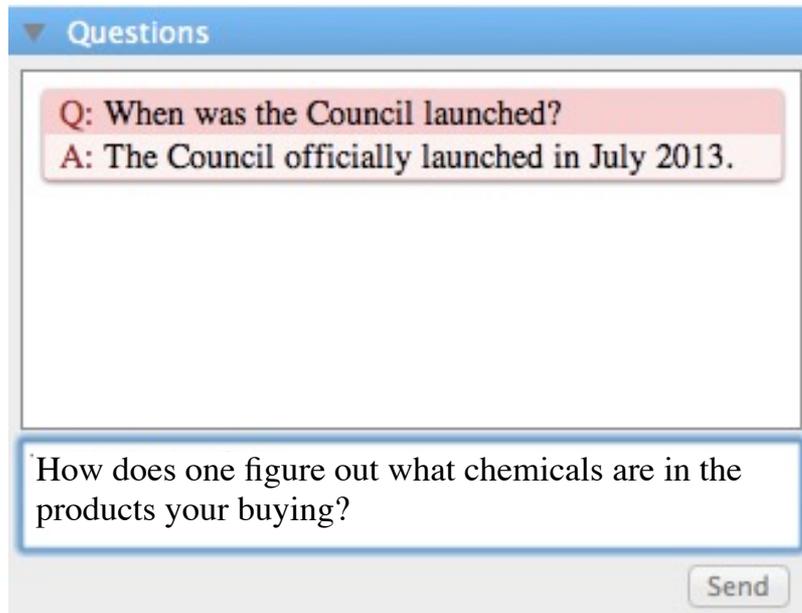
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# Learning Outcomes

- Key lessons from the report, including how pioneering purchasers are driving the market towards safer chemistry.
- Simple, actionable steps that purchasers can take today to get started
- Tools and resources that can help purchasers move from basic actions to more comprehensive safer product purchasing over time

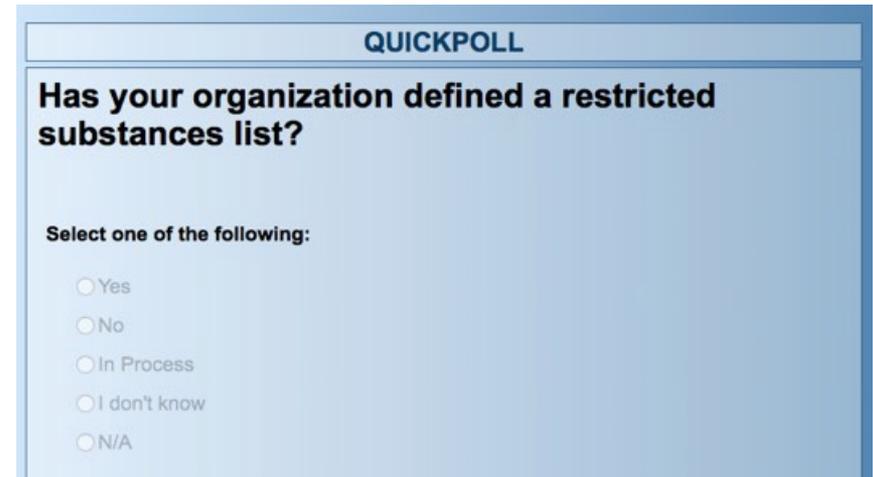
# Audience Participation

1 Submit a question at any time.



A screenshot of a web interface for audience participation. At the top, there is a blue header with a downward arrow and the word "Questions". Below this, a question and answer are displayed in a light pink box: "Q: When was the Council launched?" and "A: The Council officially launched in July 2013." Below the Q&A box is a large white text input area with a blue border. Inside this area, the text "How does one figure out what chemicals are in the products your buying?" is entered. At the bottom right of the input area is a grey "Send" button.

2 Respond to poll questions.



A screenshot of a "QUICKPOLL" interface. The title "QUICKPOLL" is in a blue header. The main question is "Has your organization defined a restricted substances list?". Below the question, it says "Select one of the following:" followed by five radio button options: "Yes", "No", "In Process", "I don't know", and "N/A".

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# Poll Question #1

*Has your organization developed a toxics use reduction policy for purchasing?*

1. *Yes*
2. *No*
3. *In Process*
4. *I Don't know*
5. *N/A*

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# Advancing Safer Chemicals In Products

## The Key Role of Purchasing

Prepared for the Lowell Center for Sustainable Production,  
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# The Lowell Center for Sustainable Production

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## Mission

Develop, study, and promote systems of production and consumption that are safe, healthy, environmentally sound, economically viable, and socially accountable.



## Purpose of Project:

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To help purchasers move the market towards products with safer chemistries



# Project Co-Sponsors

- Green Electronics Council
- Responsible Purchasing Network
- Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council



# Report Content

- The Case for Purchasing Safer Products
- The Key Role of Purchasing in Driving the Availability of Products With Safer Chemistries
- The Advantages and Disadvantages of Product Certifications
- How Six Leading Organizations Are Purchasing Products With Safer Chemistries
- Resources and Tools



# Six Cases

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1. Kaiser Permanente
2. Seattle City Light
3. Coop
4. The National Institutes of Health
5. Oregon Environmental Council
6. Perkins+Will



## Cases Include:

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- Program Overview
- Drivers
- Chemicals Targeted
- Partnerships
- Keeping Up With Changing Science
- Tracking Progress
- Lessons Learned



# Kaiser Permanente

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- Supplier Sustainability Scorecard
- Chemical disclosure on infant skin care products and mattresses
- Multi-disciplinary Safer Chemicals Working Group
- Targets products based on known chemicals of concern (e.g., fragrances in infant care products) and/or the potential for exposure (e.g., DEHP in IV bags)



# Seattle City Light

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- Policy to reduce the use of hazardous substances, phase out the use of products that pose human health or environmental risks, and increase the use of less harmful alternatives
- Avoids carcinogens, ozone depleting, reproductive hazards, global warming gasses, etc
- 9-step process for choosing products with safer chemistries



# Coop

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- Works with suppliers to eliminate endocrine disruptors and other chemicals of concern in products sold in its stores
- Covers all 3,000 products in company's three private labels as well as brand named products
- Goals include securing the highest level of safety for the consumer and environment, and maintaining Coop role as first mover in the market



# The National Institutes of Health

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- Developing automated process to screen for 350 SOCs and make purchasing safer products easier
- Covers products purchased directly or that are contained or released by a service or product anywhere throughout its life cycle
- Part of larger effort in federal Sustainable Acquisition



# Perkins+Will and Oregon Environmental Council

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- You'll hear about today



## Common Themes:

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- Understanding potentially harmful substances in the products purchased, and setting priorities;
- Creating strong policy based on these priorities, from which specifications flow;
- Setting goals and tracking progress;
- Encompassing a broad range of chemicals and products;
- Focusing on reducing exposures;



## Common Themes, continued:

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- Understanding the marketplace and engaging suppliers;
- Engaging employees/users;
- Committing resources;
- Taking a broad view of costs and risks;
- Recognizing that this is an ongoing process;
- Building a broad network.



# Thanks to:

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## Case Study Interviewees



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## For More Information:

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### Full Report available at:

<http://saferalternatives.org/assets/media/documents/uml-rpt-greenpurchasing-715-web.pdf>

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# Case Study: Healthy Purchasing Coalition

## Overview

1. Background & Context
2. Coalition Purpose
3. Coalition Approach
4. Lessons Learned

# Background & Context

**Why human health and procurement?**

**What is the Healthy Purchasing Coalition?**

[Background](#) | Purpose | Approach | Lessons

**Some chemicals are toxic.**

**Toxic chemicals are present in products.**

**We are exposed to toxic  
chemicals through products**

**Background | Purpose | Approach | Lessons**



**Public procurement helps drive innovation.**

**Procurement professionals play a key role in protecting people by helping identify and purchase safer goods and services.**

[Background](#) | Purpose | Approach | Lessons

# Oregon Executive Order 12-05 (2012)

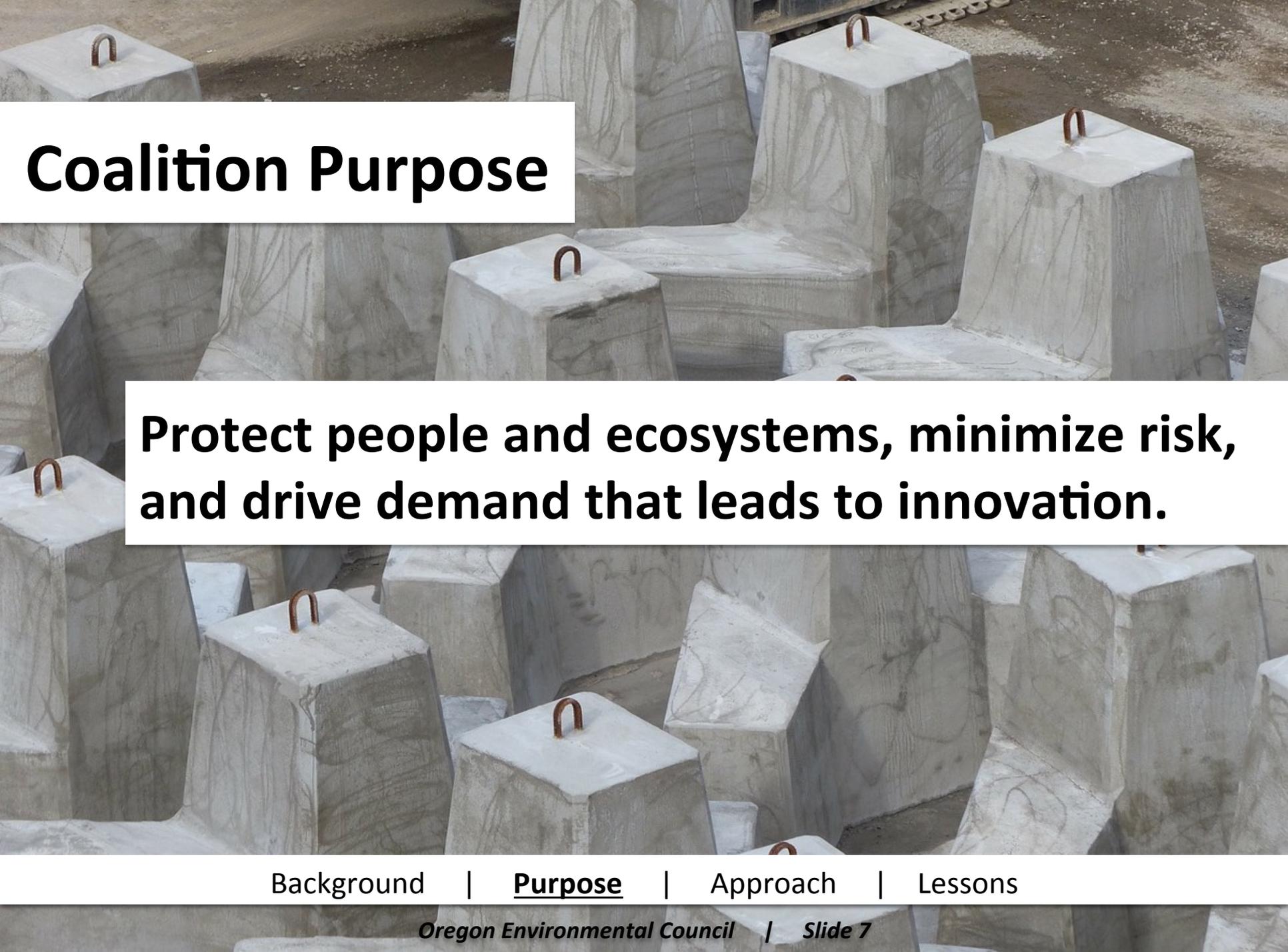
## City of Portland & Multnomah County Joint Resolution (2013)

[Background](#) | Purpose | Approach | Lessons



**The Healthy Purchasing Coalition is a group of about a dozen cities, counties, ports, and higher education institutions.**

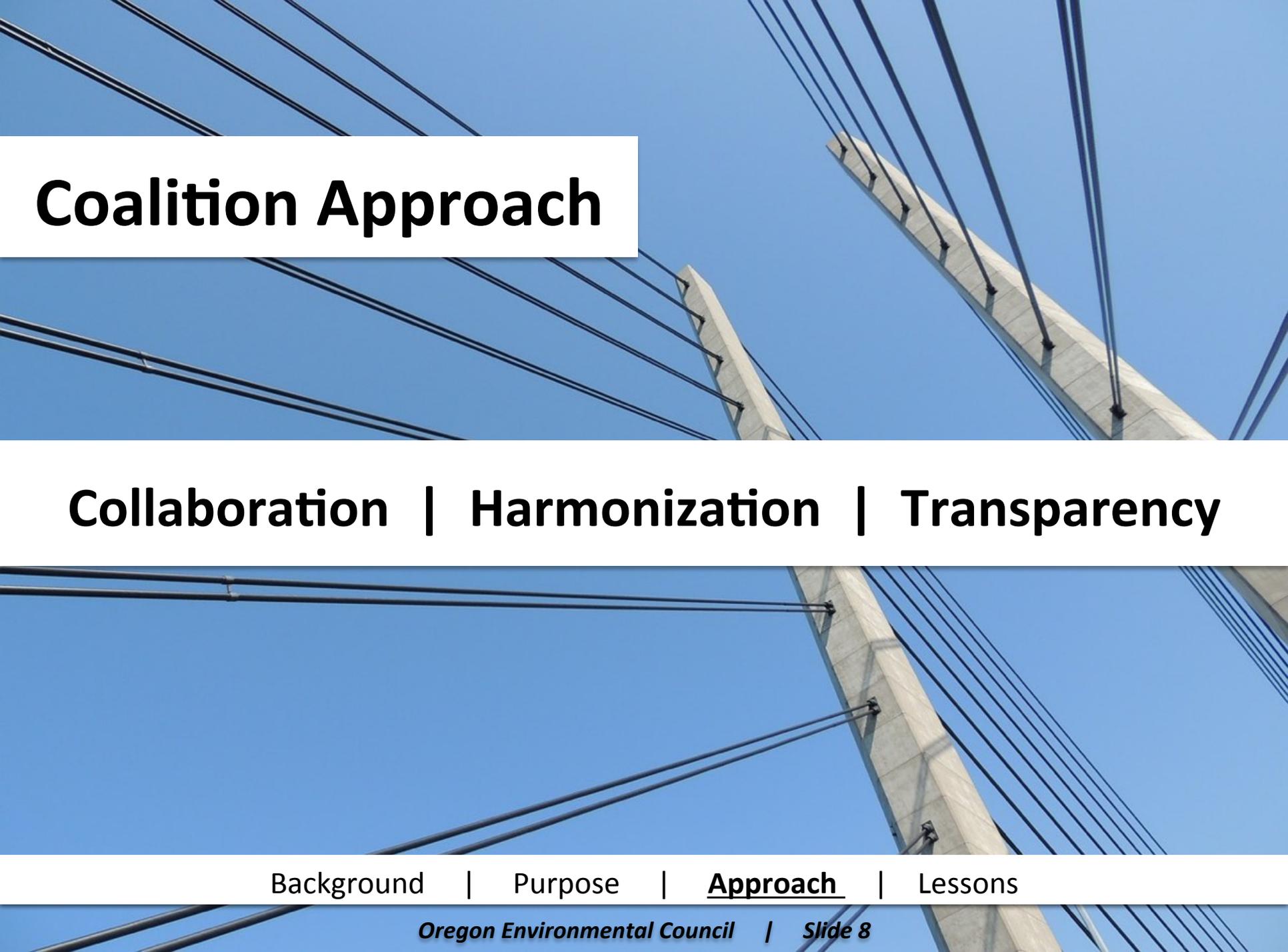
**Background** | Purpose | Approach | Lessons



# Coalition Purpose

**Protect people and ecosystems, minimize risk, and drive demand that leads to innovation.**

Background | [Purpose](#) | Approach | Lessons



# Coalition Approach

**Collaboration | Harmonization | Transparency**

Background | Purpose | **Approach** | Lessons

**Collaboration: Shared framework, scope of work**

**Harmonization: Internal & External**

**Transparency: Informed decisions**

# Lessons Learned

***Make it accessible. Make it easy.***

Background | Purpose | Approach | Lessons

A scenic sunset over a lake. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm orange glow across the sky and reflecting on the water. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds. In the background, there are silhouettes of trees and a small pavilion on the right side. The water is calm, with gentle ripples.

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# Poll Question #2

*Has your organization defined a restricted substances list?*

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3. *In Process*
4. *I don't know*
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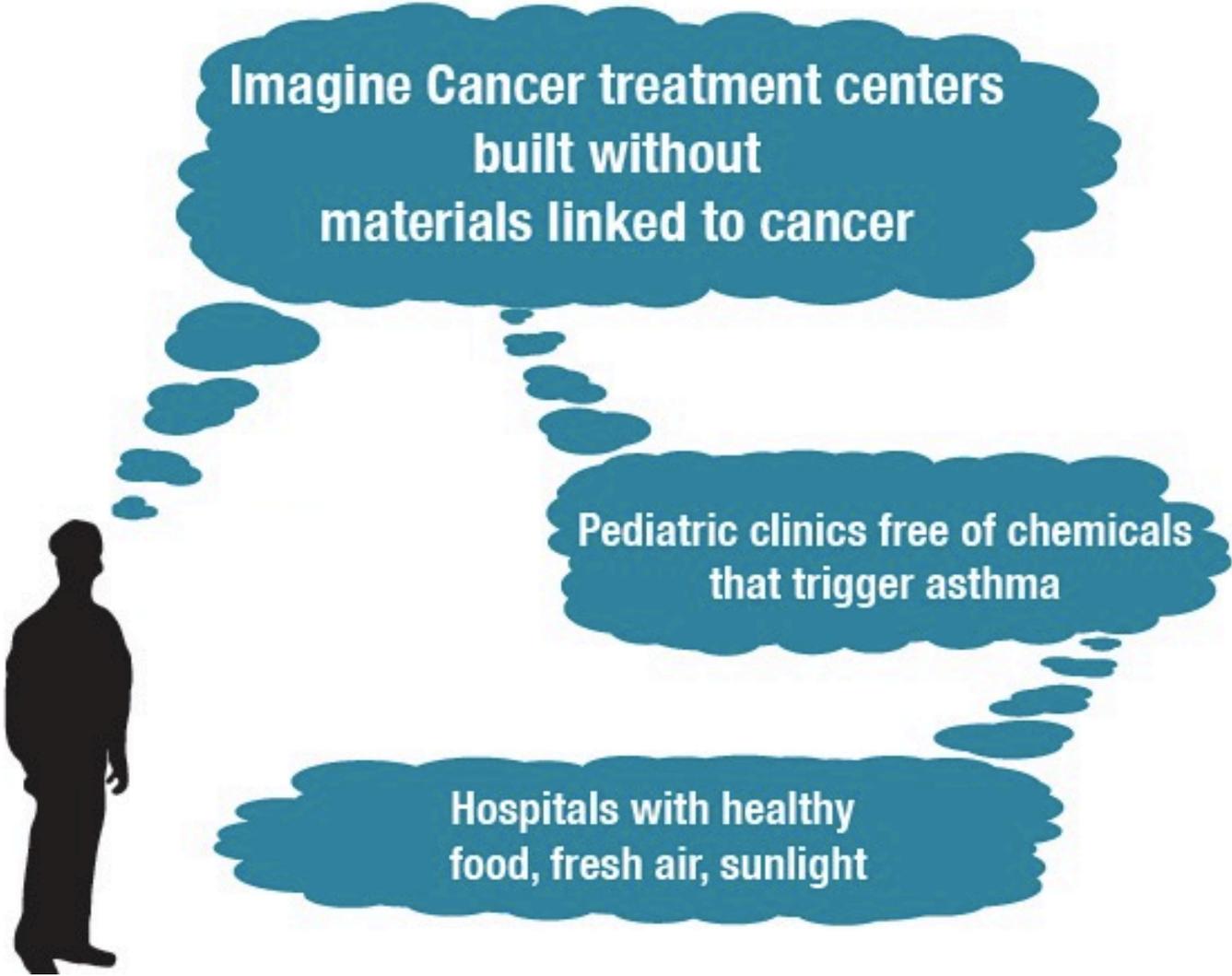
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**Imagine Cancer treatment centers  
built without  
materials linked to cancer**

**Pediatric clinics free of chemicals  
that trigger asthma**

**Hospitals with healthy  
food, fresh air, sunlight**

An abstract graphic featuring several overlapping circles in various colors (orange, purple, blue, grey, green) and plus signs. Dotted lines connect some of the circles, suggesting a network or relationship. The graphic is centered around a horizontal line.

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– The Wingspread Conference on the **Precautionary Principle** was convened by the Science and Environmental Health Network, 1998.

## Encouraging material health in the built environment.

### What is this about?

**1 GOAL**

It is our belief that products that are harmful to humans, animals, and the environment should be replaced by available alternatives so as to permit them to make informed decisions.

**2 EVALUATION**

The substances listed all have been classified by multiple regulatory entities as being detrimental to health in documents that will be updated as new relevant data emerges.

**3 ALTERNATIVES**

Rather than use products which contain these substances, we will seek out alternatives, in keeping with the precautionary principle, in an effort to be responsive to reported health effects, and thereby to protect our health and the health of future generations too. These lists are compilations of available data, and are not an endorsement of any of the referenced studies, articles, or data. Users are expected to practice due caution and to conduct their own research so that they can make informed decisions.

*GOAL: It is our belief that products that are harmful to humans, animals, and the environment should not be used on our projects, and to that end, we seek to inform our clients of available alternatives so as to permit them to make an informed decision*

We believe that it is appropriate to apply the precautionary principle when selecting and specifying products and materials in light of the lasting impact such materials may have on the users of facilities we design. We need to make our selections based upon governmentally published scientific advice and knowledge which, in keeping with the precautionary principle, indicates a relevant adverse finding as it relates to human health or materially negative environmental impact, with the understanding that we live in a world without scientific certainty. We will seek to, where possible and appropriate, present alternatives to our clients for their consideration, providing, within the standard of professional care, information we have which is summarized here, as well as cost and lifecycle information where it is reasonably available. We seek to empower our clients to make informed decisions. These lists do not pretend to be exhaustive, or to reference all relevant published information. Again, in keeping with the precautionary principle, they represent information which we believe dictates appropriate caution and wisdom in design decisions made by design professionals. It is expected that users will exercise appropriate caution in use of this resource, and to conduct their own research so that they can make their own decisions and come to their own conclusions.

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Show me the lists! 

# The “Precautionary Principal”....

You **get** an alternative *and* the science is **correct**  
...then you are **safe**

You **get** an alternative *and* the science is **wrong**  
...then you are **safe**

You **don't get** an alternative *and* the science is **correct**  
...then you are **not safe**





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What can I find here?



**PRECAUTIONARY LIST**

The Precautionary List includes substances commonly found in the built environment that have been classified by regulatory entities as being harmful to the health of humans and/or the environment. As such, this compilation is an ever-evolving and is updated as new data comes to light. This tool encourages users to employ the precautionary principle in the specification of building products.



**ASTHMA TRIGGERS +  
ASTHMAGENS**

This list identifies Asthmagens—substances that induce the chronic condition of asthma—commonly found in the built environment. This list is a compilation of substances that have identified human health impacts in the manufacturing, installation, and removal processes, as well as in the existing built environment. Compiled from third-party, government and academic sources, this list brings awareness on the causes of the disease and helps users make informed decisions on design and construction with respect to building products under the precautionary principle.



**FLAME RETARDANTS**

This list catalogs flame retardants found in the built environment. A comprehensive list providing in-depth knowledge of flame retardants, this tool is primarily informational and educational, and helps users understand not only where flame retardants are found in the built environment, but also if identified toxicity levels have a potential impact on human health. The original research was done by the Green Science Policy Institute.



**NEWS, MEDIA +  
ADDITIONAL RESEARCH**

In our ever-growing library of resources you will find a variety of materials, including a white paper on the potential human and environmental impacts of fly ash, the first on-product transparency label, a video interview on material health in healthcare design, and much more.

# Precautionary List

How do you want to search?

ALPHABETICAL	CATEGORY	HEALTH EFFECTS	DIVISIONS AND SECTIONS
<a href="#">Arsenic</a>	<a href="#">Chemical Compounds</a>	<a href="#">Carcinogen</a>	<a href="#">Div 03 Concrete</a>
<a href="#">Bisphenol A (BPA)</a>	<a href="#">Chlorinated Polymers</a>	<a href="#">Cardiovascular or Blood Toxicant</a>	<a href="#">Div 04 Masonry</a>
<a href="#">Bromochlorodifluoromethane</a>	<a href="#">Flame Retardants</a>	<a href="#">Developmental Toxicant</a>	<a href="#">Div 05 Metals</a>
<a href="#">Cadmium</a>	<a href="#">Fossil Fuel Based</a>	<a href="#">Endocrine Toxicant</a>	<a href="#">Div 06 Wood, Plastics, and Composites</a>
<a href="#">Chlorinated Polyethylene (CPE)</a>	<a href="#">Indoor Air Quality</a>	<a href="#">Gastrointestinal or Liver Toxicant</a>	<a href="#">Div 07 Thermal and Moisture Protection</a>
<a href="#">Chlorinated Polyvinyl Chloride (CPVC)</a>	<a href="#">Metals and Metal Compounds</a>	<a href="#">Immunotoxicant</a>	<a href="#">Div 08 Openings</a>
<a href="#">Chlorofluorocarbons (CFC)</a>	<a href="#">Ozone Depleting Gases</a>	<a href="#">Kidney Toxicant</a>	<a href="#">Div 09 Finishes</a>
<a href="#">Chloroprene (2-chlor-1,3-butadiene)</a>	<a href="#">Wood Additives and Treatments</a>	<a href="#">Neurotoxicant</a>	<a href="#">Div 10 Specialties</a>
<a href="#">Chlorosulfonated Polyethylene (CSPE)</a>		<a href="#">Reproductive Toxicant</a>	<a href="#">Div 11 Equipment</a>
<a href="#">Copper (for Exterior Material)</a>		<a href="#">Respiratory Toxicant</a>	<a href="#">Div 12 Furnishings</a>
<a href="#">Creosote</a>		<a href="#">Skin or Sense Organ Toxicant</a>	<a href="#">Div 13 Specialty Construction</a>
<a href="#">Halogenated &amp; Brominated Flame Retardants</a>			<a href="#">Div 14 Conveying Equipment</a>
<a href="#">Hexavalent Chromium (VI)</a>			<a href="#">Div 15 Mechanical</a>
<a href="#">Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HFC)</a>			<a href="#">Div 16 Electrical</a>
<a href="#">Lead</a>			<a href="#">Div 32 Exterior Improvements</a>
<a href="#">Mercury</a>			<a href="#">Div 33 Utilities</a>
<a href="#">Organostannic Compounds</a>			
<a href="#">Pentachlorophenol</a>			
<a href="#">Perfluorocarbons (PFC)</a>			
<a href="#">Phthalates</a>			
<a href="#">Polystyrene</a>			
<a href="#">Polyurethane Foam</a>			
<a href="#">Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)</a>			
<a href="#">Urea-Formaldehyde</a>			
<a href="#">Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)</a>			

**To name a few....**

- *Bisphenol A*
- *Halogenated Flame Retardants*
- *Hexavalent Chromium*
- *Phthalates*

# Precautionary list

ALPHABETICAL    CATEGORY    HEALTH EFFECTS    DIVISIONS AND SECTIONS

## Div 09 Finishes

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## Phthalates

### Where is it Commonly Found?

Pipes, conduits, waterproofing, roofing, siding, door and windows, resilient flooring, carpet backing, wall covering, signage, window treatments, furniture, and wire cable sheathing

### HEALTH EFFECT SUMMARY

*In 2010 the European Union announced that under the terms of its new chemicals policy known as REACH, that three phthalates Butyl Benzyl Phthalate (BBP), Di(2-Ethylhexyl)Phthalate (DEHP), and Dibutyl Phthalate (DBP) will be banned from use within the next three to five years unless an authorization has been granted to individual companies for their use.*

### What are its known health effects?

- [Carcinogen \(P65\)](#)
- [Developmental Toxicant \(P65\)](#)
- [Reproductive Toxicant \(P65\)](#)

### What are its suspected health effects?

- [Endocrine Toxicant \(BKH\) \(IL-EPA\) \(JNHS\) \(KEIT\) \(WWF\)](#)
- [Gastrointestinal or Liver Toxicant \(EPA-HEN\) \(OEHHA-CREL\) \(RTECS\)](#)
- [Respiratory Toxicant \(OEHHA-CREL\) \(RTECS\)](#)
- [Skin or Sense Organ Toxicant \(RTECS\)](#)

### How is it Categorized?

[Chemical Compounds](#)

### What is its Origin?

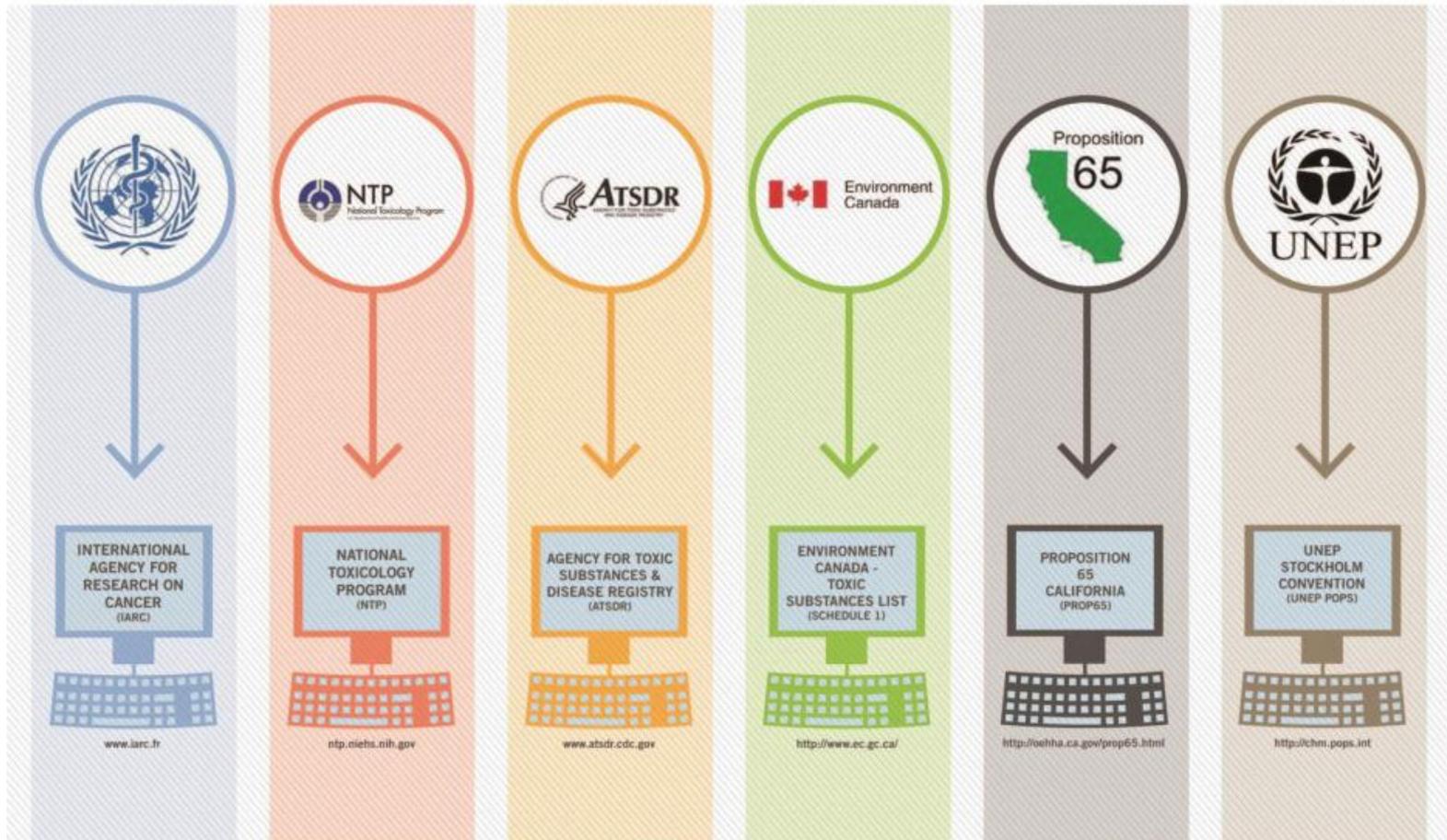
A plasticizer used mostly in the production of flexible PVC products.

A class of phthalates that includes but not limited to Butyl Benzyl Phthalate (BBP), Di(2-Ethylhexyl) Phthalate (DEHP), Di-N-Octyl Phthalate (DNOP), Di-N-Pentyl Phthalate (DNPP), Dibutyl Phthalate (DBP), Diisobutyl Phthalate (DIBP), Diisodecyl Phthalate (DIDP), Diisononyl Phthalate (DINP), Di-N-Hexylphthalate (DNHP)

### Divisions and Sections

- [Div 03 Water Stops](#)
- [Div 04 PVC Flashing \(Elastomeric Thermoplastic Flashing\)](#)
- [Div 04 Unit Masonry](#)
- [Div 07 Dampproofing and Waterproofing](#)
- [Div 07 Membrane Roofing](#)

# Our Information Sources



## Alternative Materials

PET plastic for wiring jacketing; natural and polyolefin materials for wallcovers; Rubber, Linoleum, PVC-free resilient flooring options; Nylon, Polyester for shower curtains; Polyurethane, Nylon, Nylon Microfiber and Polyethylene; Fiberglass base with cotton flocked backing, polyester with acrylic foamed backing, polyester, polyester and cotton, Olefin-coated olefin yarn, and Thermoplastic Olefin. There are many PVC-free options for piping, conduits, flooring, carpet, wall protection systems, windows & doors, backings, and window treatments.

## Does it Correspond With Any Green Building Credits?

Living Building Challenge (1.2) - Prerequisite 5;  
Living Building Challenge 3.0 - Red List;  
Green Guide for Health Care - EQ 4.3 - Low Emitting Materials: Flooring Systems;  
Green Guide for Health Care - MR Credit 4.1;  
Green Guide for Health Care - EP4.2 - Toxic Reduction DEHP;  
LEED Pilot C

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[Div 07 Self-Adhering Sheet Waterproofing](#)

[Div 07 Siding](#)

[Div 07 Dampproofing and Waterproofing](#)

[Div 07 Membrane Roofing](#)

[Div 07 Polyvinyl-Chloride \(PVC\) Roofing](#)

[Div 08 Gasketing](#)

[Div 08 Vinyl Window](#)

[Div 09 Static-Control Resilient Flooring](#)

[Div 09 Stretched-Fabric Wall Systems](#)

[Div 09 Tile Carpeting](#)

[Div 09 Resilient Athletic Flooring](#)

[Div 09 Resilient Base and Accessories](#)

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[Div 09 Fabric-Wrapped Panels](#)

[Div 09 Wall Coverings](#)

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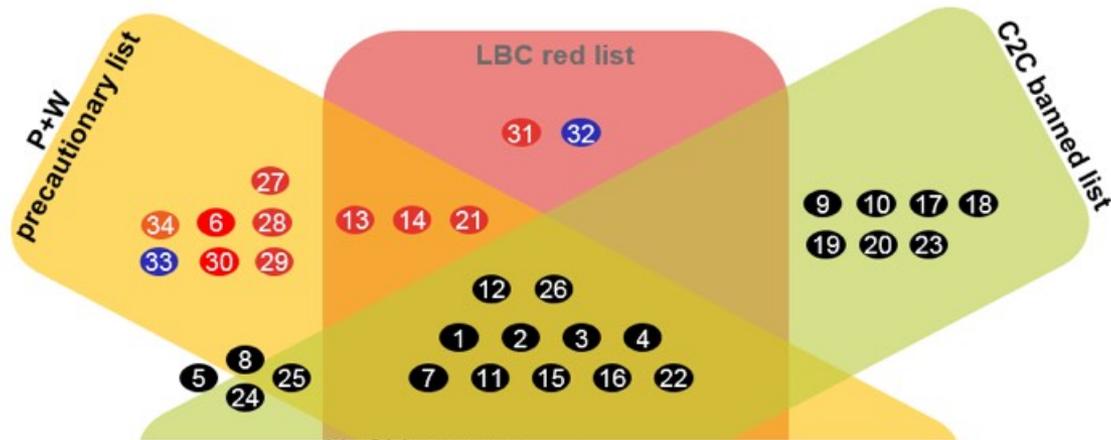
[Div 10 Accordion Folding Partitions](#)

[Div 10 Awnings](#)

[Div 10 Cubicles](#)

[Div 10 Operable Partitions](#)

# SUBSTANCE OF CONCERN LISTS



- C2C "X" Assessed: Targeted for elimination via levels of optimization
  - 1 Arsenic
  - 2 Cadmium
  - 3 Lead\*
  - 4 Mercury
  - 5 Chromium VI
  - 6 Copper (environment exposure)
  - 7 PVC
  - 8 CPVC
  - 9 PVDC
  - 10 PTFE\*
  - 11 Chloroprene
  - 12 Chlorinated Polyethylene
  - 13 Hydrochlorofluorocarbons
  - 14 CFCs
  - 15 HFRs\*\*
  - 16 Pentachlorophenol
  - 17 Chlorobenzenes
  - 18 PCBs
  - 19 Short-chain chlorinated paraffins
  - 20 Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons\*
  - 21 Creosote (added to wood)
  - 22 Phthalates
  - 23 Alkylphenols
  - 24 Organostannic compounds, organotins
  - 25 PFC
  - 26 added Urea-formaldehyde
  - 27 BCF
  - 28 BPA
  - 29 VOCs
  - 30 Chlorosulfonated Polyethylene
  - 31 Asbestos (CMR)
  - 32 Petrochemical fertilizers and pesticides
  - 33 Polystyrene
  - 34 Polyurethane foam
- Not included on C2C banned list or automatically x-assessed. Context specific assessment needed.



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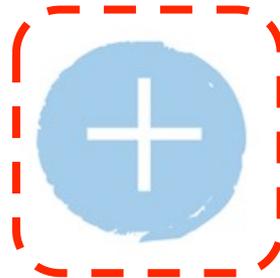
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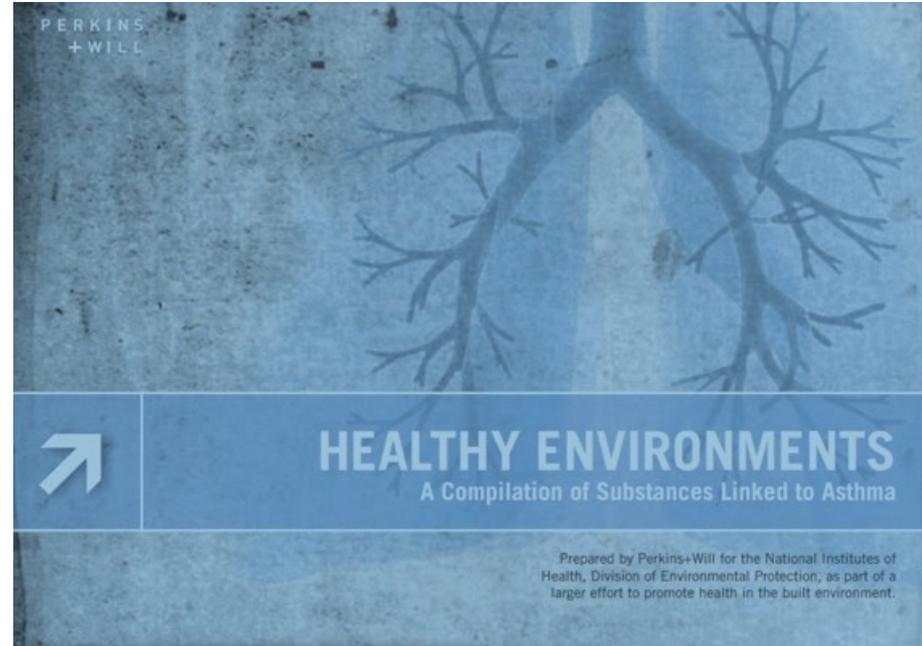
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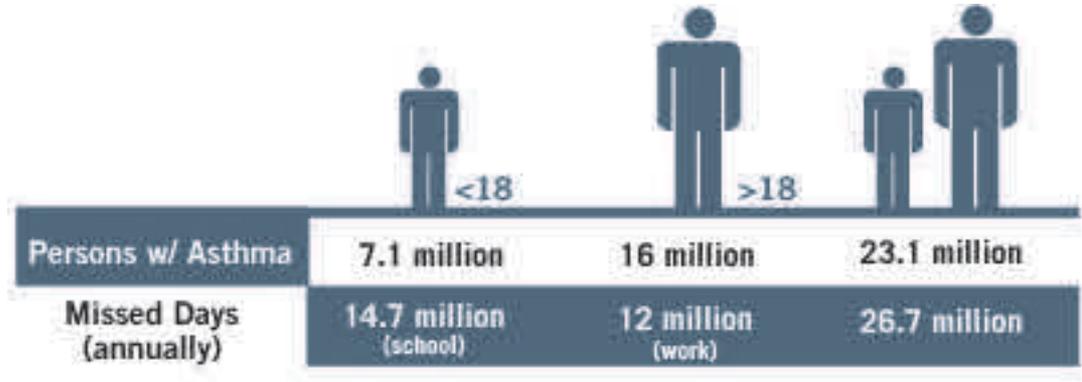
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- Healthy Environments: A Compilation of Substances Linked to Asthma
- 374 substances have been linked to Asthma
  - 75 of those are found paints and adhesives



Prepared by Perkins+Will for the National Institutes of Health, Division of Environmental Protection, as part of a larger effort to promote health in the built environment.



# Asthma Triggers + Asthmagens

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## Asthma Triggers and Asthmagens

(2-Aminoethyl)ethanolamine	1,1'-Azobis(formamide)	1,1'-Methylenebis(4-Isocyanatobenzene)	Butyl benzyl phthalate (BBP)
Chlorine	Chromium Compunds	Colophony (or Rosin)	Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP)
Di-n-hexylphthalate (DNHP)	Di-n-octyl phthalate (DNOP)	Di-n-pentyl phthalate (DNPP)	Dibutyl phthalate (DBP)
Diisobutyl phthalate (DIBP)	Diisodecyl phthalate (DIDP)	Diisooheptyl phthalate	Diisononyl phthalate (DINP)
Epoxy	Ethanolamine (2-Aminoethanol)	Ethylenediamine	Formaldehyde
Glutaraldehyde	Hard metals	Hexamethylene diisocyanate (HDI)	Isocyanates
Isophorone diisocyanate (IPDI)	Maleic anhydride	Methacrylates	Methyl 2-cyanoacrylate
Methyl methacrylate	Methyltetrahydrophthalic anhydride	N,N-Dimethylethanolamine	Plastic dust
<b>Polyvinyl chloride [PVC]</b>		Toluene	Toluene diisocyanate (TDI)
Triethylenetetramine		Wood dust	

*To name a few....*

- Chlorine
- Epoxy
- Formaldehyde
- Multiple Phthalates

### Polyvinyl chloride [PVC]

CAS# 9002-86-2

#### Where is it Commonly Found?

Found during a heating process, thermal decomposition, or in the dust of the following:  
Cable insulation

#### How is it Categorized?

Plastic & Rubber Dusts



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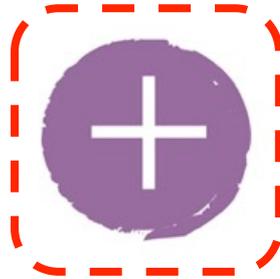
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# Flame Retardants

How do you want to search?

## ALPHABETICAL

[1,2-bis\(2,4,6-tribromophenoxy\)ethane](#)  
[2-Ethylhexyl tetrabromobenzoate](#)  
[Aluminum hydroxide](#)  
[Antimony Trioxide](#)  
[Bis\(2-ethylhexyl\) tetrabromophthalate](#)  
[Decabromodiphenyl ethane](#)  
[Decabromodiphenyl ether \(BDE-209\)](#)  
[Diphenyl cresyl phosphate](#)  
[Hexabromobenzene](#)  
[Hexabromocyclododecane](#)  
[Tetrabromo-bisphenol-A](#)  
[Tricresyl phosphate](#)  
[Triphenyl phosphate](#)  
[Tris\(2-chloro-1-methyl ethyl\) phosphate](#)  
[Tris\(isopropylphenyl\)phosphate](#)  
[Tris\(tribromoneopentyl\) phosphate](#)  
[Tris\(2-chloro-1-\(chloromethyl\) ethyl\) phosphate](#)  
[Zinc borate](#)

## CATEGORY

[Brominated Flame Retardant](#)  
[Brominated Flame Retardant – organic phosphate](#)  
[Chlorinated Flame Retardant – organic phosphate](#)  
[Inorganic Flame Retardant](#)  
[Inorganic synergist](#)  
[Organic phosphate](#)

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[Healthy Environments: Strategies for Avoiding Flame Retardants in the Built Environment](#)

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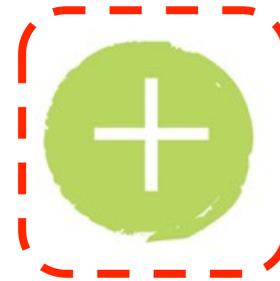
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### IN THE NEWS

#### New Research By Perkins+Will Identifies Alternatives to Flame Retardant Building Materials

**October 17, 2014.** Perkins+Will's Healthy Materials Group and Science Fellow Michel Dedeo released a white paper identifying both new and existing opportunities to design healthier buildings without compromising fire safety or code compliance. The research can help designers identify which products should be subjected to extra scrutiny during the design and construction process and provides options for less hazardous alternatives. The white



### IN THE NEWS

#### California law change sparks nationwide demand for flame-retardant-free furniture

**September 30, 2014.** A change to a building code that California enacted back in the 1970s is reverberating through the furniture industry. The rule known as TB-117 requires that materials inside furniture – such as foam – meet certain fire safety requirements, essentially created the nationwide market for chemical flame retardants. This article provides a useful context for the rising conversation about flame retardants in the design industry.



### IN THE NEWS

#### Who's Afraid of Bromine

**September 26, 2014.** Bromine-based chemicals such as polybrominated diphenyl ether or hexabromocyclododecane are all around us, in our homes and even in our foods. Even though some have been banned or withdrawn, the bromine industry feels that it has become the victim of 'chemophobia.' What are the facts? What should you know? This article by Laurence Knight of BBC News provides needed background about the issue.

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# Healthy Environments: Strategies for Avoiding Flame Retardants in the Built Environment

Sparking a conversation about opportunities to  
design healthier building environments

OCTOBER 15, 2014

**Michel Dedeo**, PhD, Science Fellow and Lead Investigator

**Suzanne Drake**, LEED AP ID+C, EDAC, Senior Interior Designer, Associate

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FIGURE 1. Commonly Flame Retarded Products in Buildings



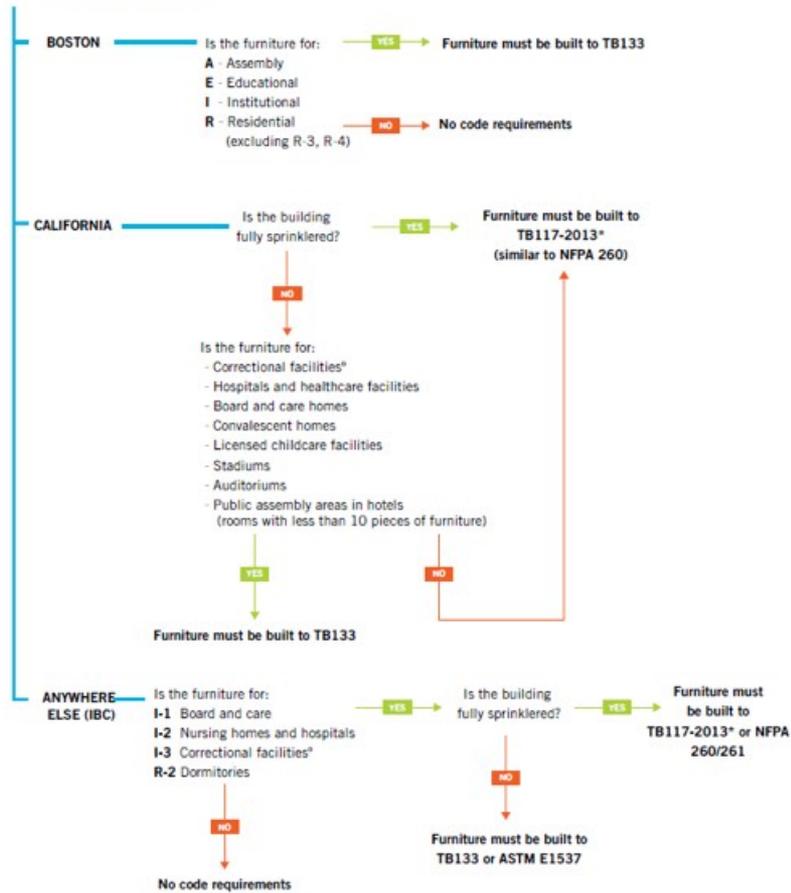
GUIDELINES TO SELECTING MATERIALS WITHOUT HARMFUL FLAME RETARDANTS

Item	Are products without potentially harmful flame retardants available?
1a Polyisocyanurate Foam Boards Insulation	Rare or Unavailable*
1b Spray Polyurethane Foam (SPF) Insulation	Rare or Unavailable*
1c Polystyrene Foam Boards (XPS and EPS) Insulation	Rare or Unavailable*
2 Upholstered Furniture	Uncommon
3 Curtains, and Textile Wall and Ceiling Covers	Common
4 Padding Under Broadloom Carpet	Uncommon
5 Steel Protected with Intumescent Paint	Common
6a Televisions and Other Electronics with Plastic Cases	Uncommon
6b Computers with Plastic Cases	Uncommon

\* Alternatives to plastic foam insulation that do not include potentially harmful flame retardants are described in the following text.

FIGURE 2. Furniture Flammability Requirements by Location

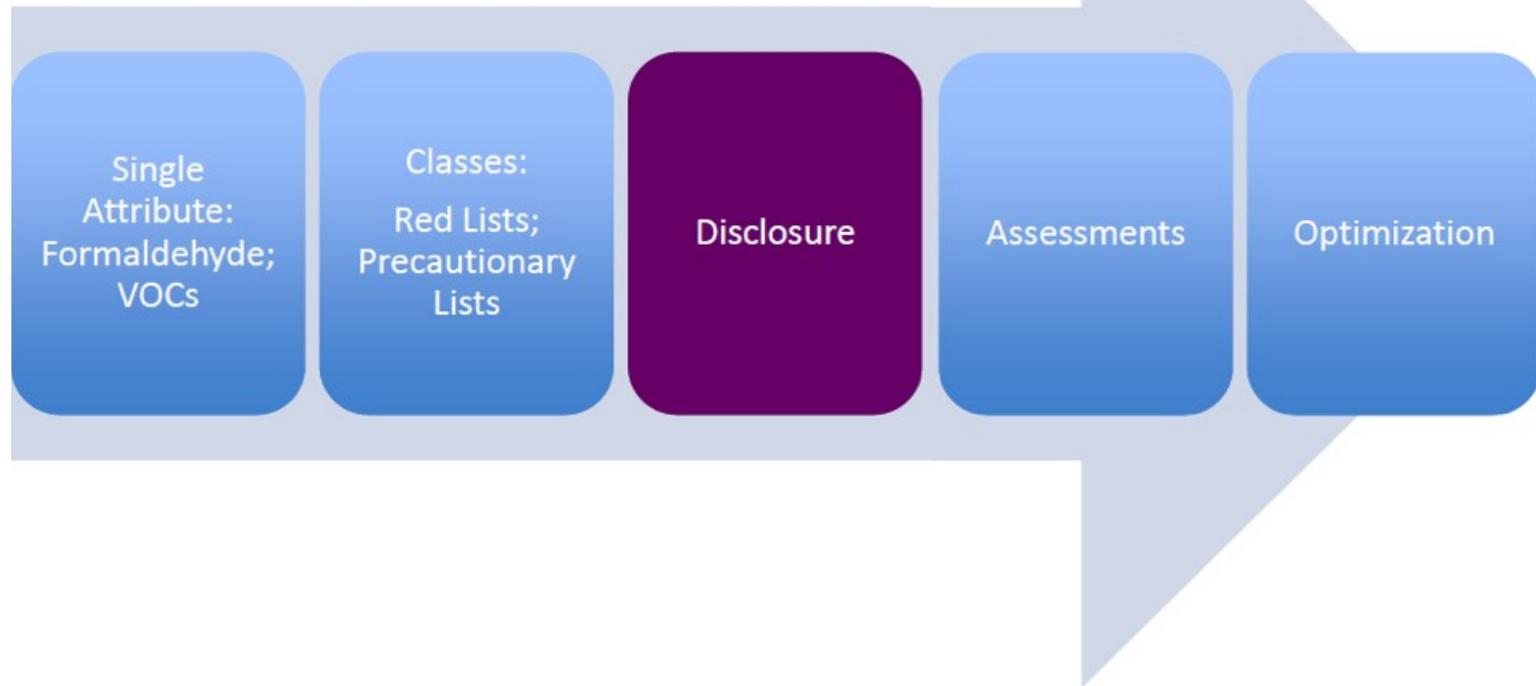
WHERE IS THE BUILDING LOCATED?



\* Requirement for TB117-2013 can also be met by TB133  
 \* Furniture in correctional facilities must always meet TB133, regardless of sprinklers

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### Industry Changes



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### PERKINS+WILL

January 24, 2013

Recipient Name  
Recipient Company  
Address line 1  
Address line 2  
City, State zip

Re: Transparency and Health Product Declarations

Dear [Name]

Perkins+Will believes that products that are harmful to humans, animals, and the environment should not be used in our projects, and to that end, we seek to inform our clients of available alternatives so as to permit them to make informed decisions. The substances listed on our [Transparency](http://transparency.perkinswill.com/) website (<http://transparency.perkinswill.com/>) all have been classified by multiple regulatory entities as being detrimental to the health of humans and the environment.

Rather than use products which contain these substances, we will seek out alternatives, in keeping with the precautionary principle, in an effort to be responsive to reported health effects, and thereby to protect our health and the health of future generations too. We believe that it is appropriate to apply the precautionary principle when selecting and specifying products and materials in light of the lasting impact such materials may have on the users of facilities we design. We will seek to, where possible and appropriate, present alternatives to our clients for their consideration, providing, within the standard of professional care, information we have which is summarized here, as well as cost and lifecycle information where it is reasonably available. We seek to empower our clients to make informed decisions.

We are asking you to share information about your product contents and their associated environmental and health hazards. As the need for transparency in the products we select and specify on behalf of our clients continues to grow, we will give preference to manufacturers that provide this information and begin to phase out products that do not include reporting on content.

The **Health Product Declaration Open Standard (HPD)** is an easy-to-reference standard format that systematizes reporting language to enable the consistent disclosure of building product content and associated health information. It is freely available for your use from the HPD Collaborative. You can find the HPD and resources to assist you at [www.hpdcollaborative.org](http://www.hpdcollaborative.org). We urge you to complete, and make publicly available, an HPD for each of your products.

A complete HPD includes accurate product content and related health hazard information in a consistent way that allows Perkins+Will's designers and clients to make better choices. It assesses the individual constituents of a product against authoritative chemical Hazard Lists, provides details of third-party product testing and compliance for emissions, and notes accessory installation materials. The HPD is already recognized in the marketplace; it can be used to demonstrate compliance with The Living Building Challenge Red List; fulfill the reporting requirements of the anticipated LEED v4 Material Disclosure and Optimization credit; inform the International Living Future Institute's [Declare](#) label; and respond to building owners' interests to protect their occupants from hazardous materials.

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### PERKINS+WILL

January 24, 2013

Re: Transparency and Health Product Declarations

The HPD is designed to function as a complement to the **Environmental Product Declaration (EPD)** protocol that facilitates the consistent development and reporting of flows of energy, carbon, water and other pollutants from product Life Cycle Assessments (LCA) and characterizes related environmental impacts.

Our hope is to integrate the comprehensive health and environmental product information provided by complete HPDs and EPDs into our daily practice. By working together with product designers and manufacturers, we can truly enhance the human experience of our built environment, enrich the health of building occupants, and protect the environment.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

  
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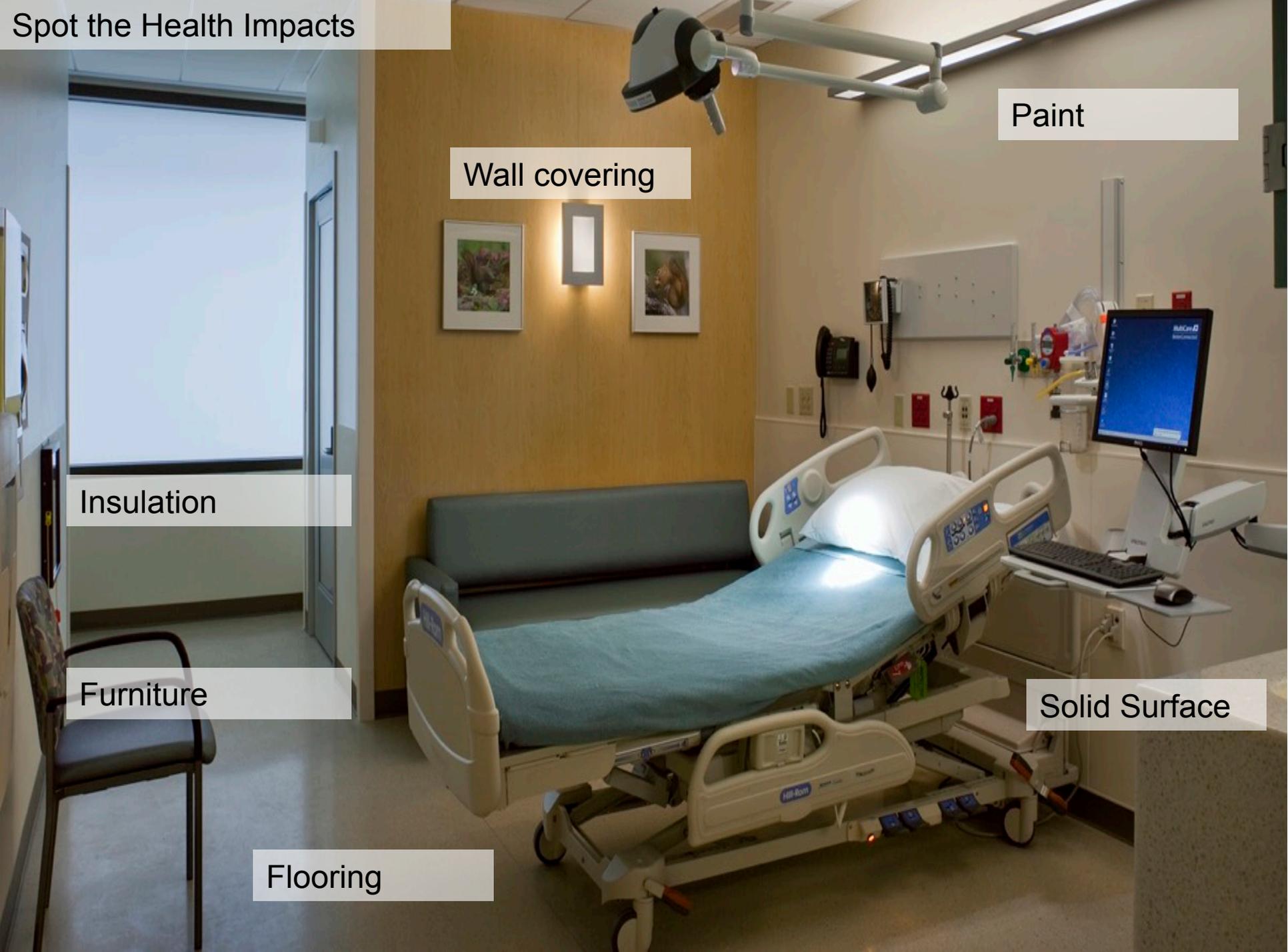
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# Spot the Health Impacts



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Furniture

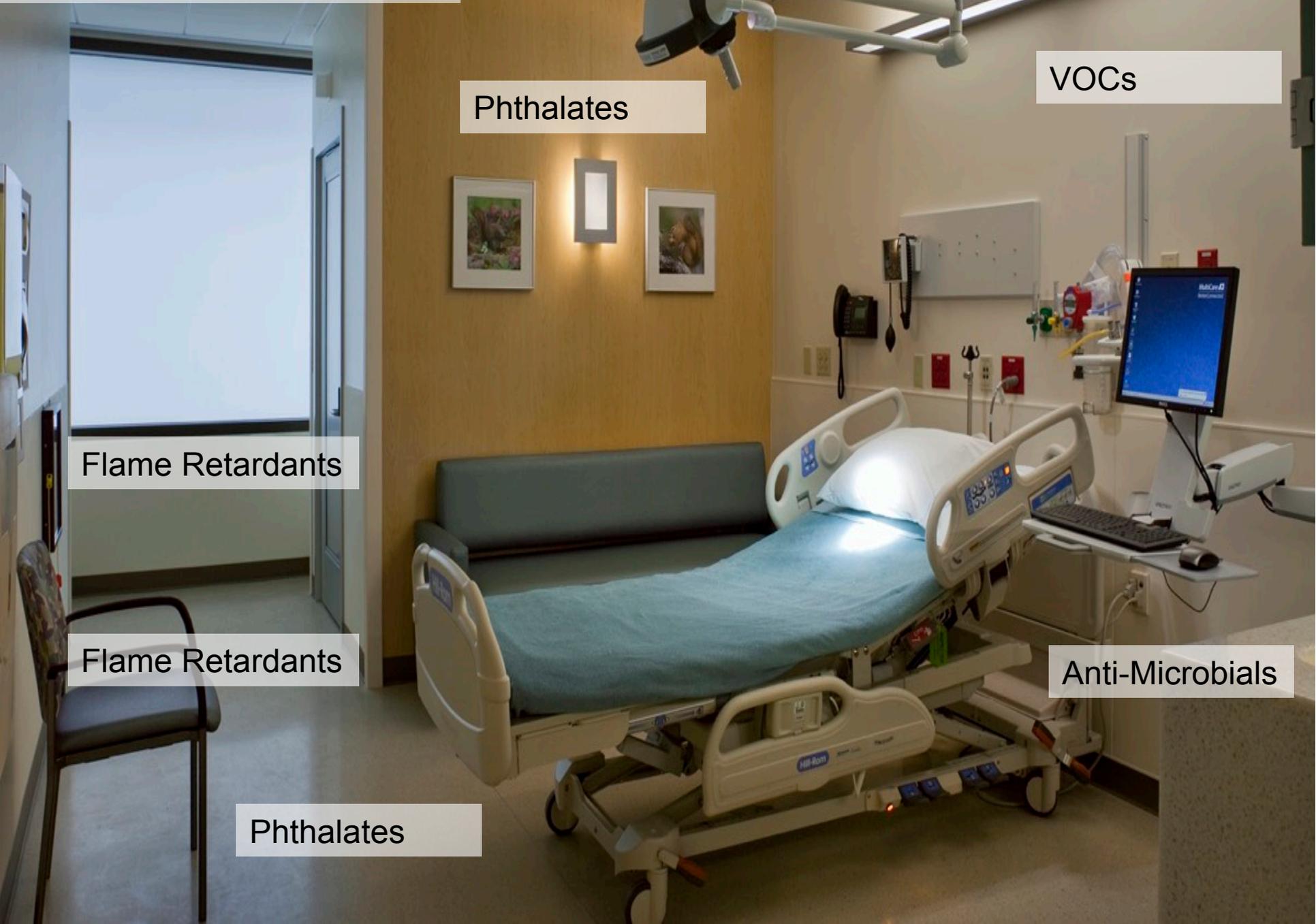
Flooring

Wall covering

Paint

Solid Surface

# Spot the Health Impacts



Phthalates

VOCs

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Anti-Microbials

# Spot the Health Impacts

Asthmagen,  
Endocrine toxicant, and  
Respiratory Toxicant

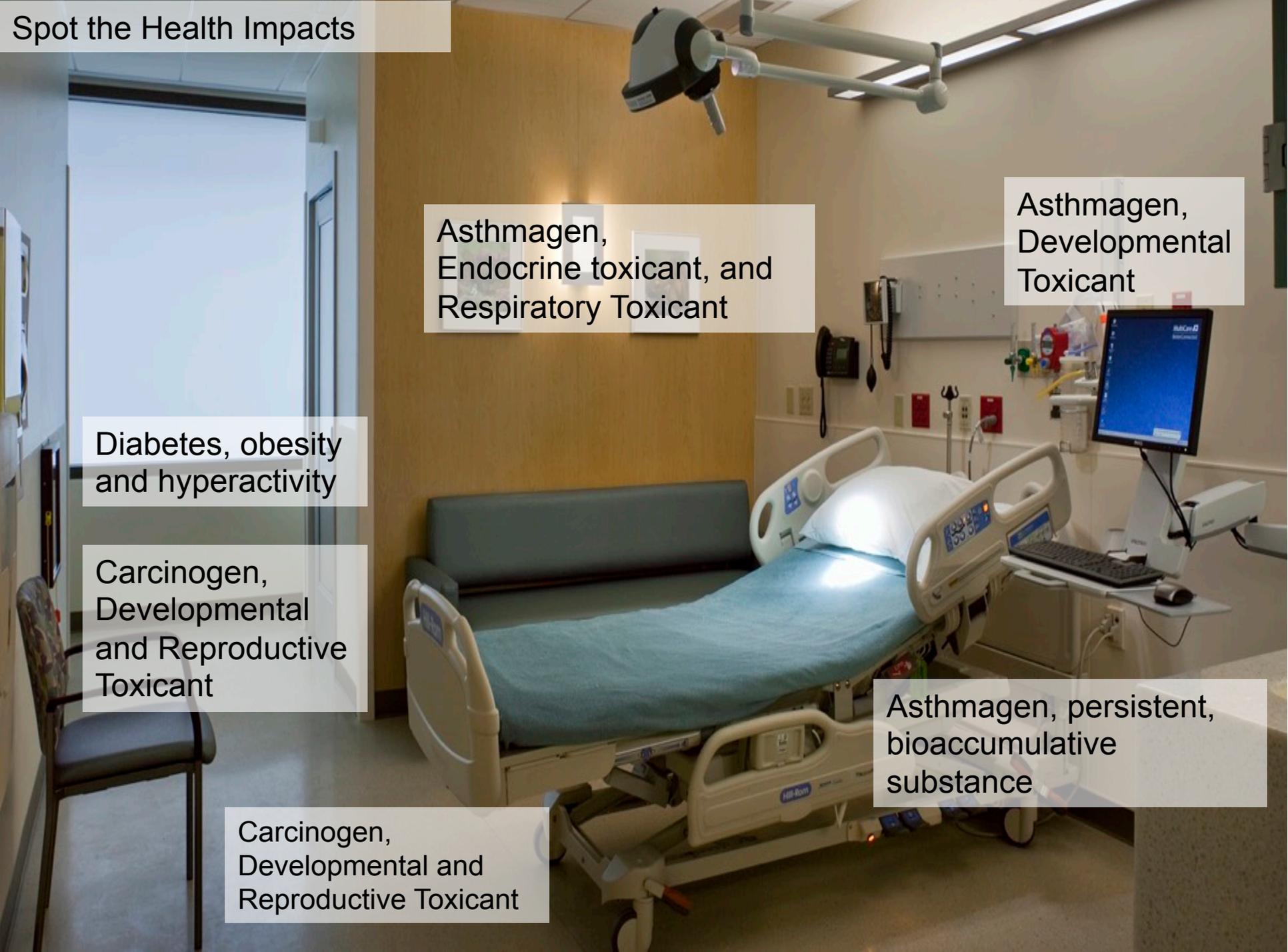
Asthmagen,  
Developmental  
Toxicant

Diabetes, obesity  
and hyperactivity

Carcinogen,  
Developmental  
and Reproductive  
Toxicant

Carcinogen,  
Developmental and  
Reproductive Toxicant

Asthmagen, persistent,  
bioaccumulative  
substance



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## Challenges - Disclosure Tools

The image shows a Health Product Declaration (HPD) form, version 1.0. The form includes fields for:
 

- Name, Product ID, Website, Manufacturer, Address, Address Line 2, City, State, Code, and Description.
- Classification, Contact Name, Title, Phone, and Email.
- Release Date, Expiry Date, and HPD URL.
- Disclosure options:  Self-published,  Second Party,  Third Party.
- Certifier and Certificate #.
- A SUMMARY section with the text: "The content of this product was assessed for health hazard warnings as required using".
- Residuals Disclosure options:  Measured 100 ppm,  Measured 1000 ppm,  Predicted by process chemistry,  As per MSDS (1,000 & 10,000 ppm),  Not disclosed,  Other.
- Full Disclosure of Intentional Ingredients:  Yes,  No.
- Full Disclosure of Known Hazards:  Yes,  No.
- Disclosure Notes.

Undisclosed (Acrylic resin)	Unknown	0.2 - 0.3 %		N	N	Primer
None found	No warnings found on HPD Priority lists					
Not disclosed by supplier. Fully cured proprietary mixture.						

The image shows the bottom portion of the HPD form, including:
 

- Content Notes.
- Does the product contain exempt VOCs?  N/A,  Yes,  No.
- Are VOC-free tints available?  N/A,  Yes,  No.
- Certifications and Compliance (if the area below is following pages for additional listings).
- VOC Emissions.
- VOC Content.

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Challenges - Regrettable Substitutions???



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### Challenges – Need to Expanding Teams

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### MATERIAL HEALTH

## Perkins+Will Hired a Chemist. Should Your Firm?

Chemist Michel Dedeo is educating the firm's architects and designers on material health.

By [HALLIE BUSTA](#)



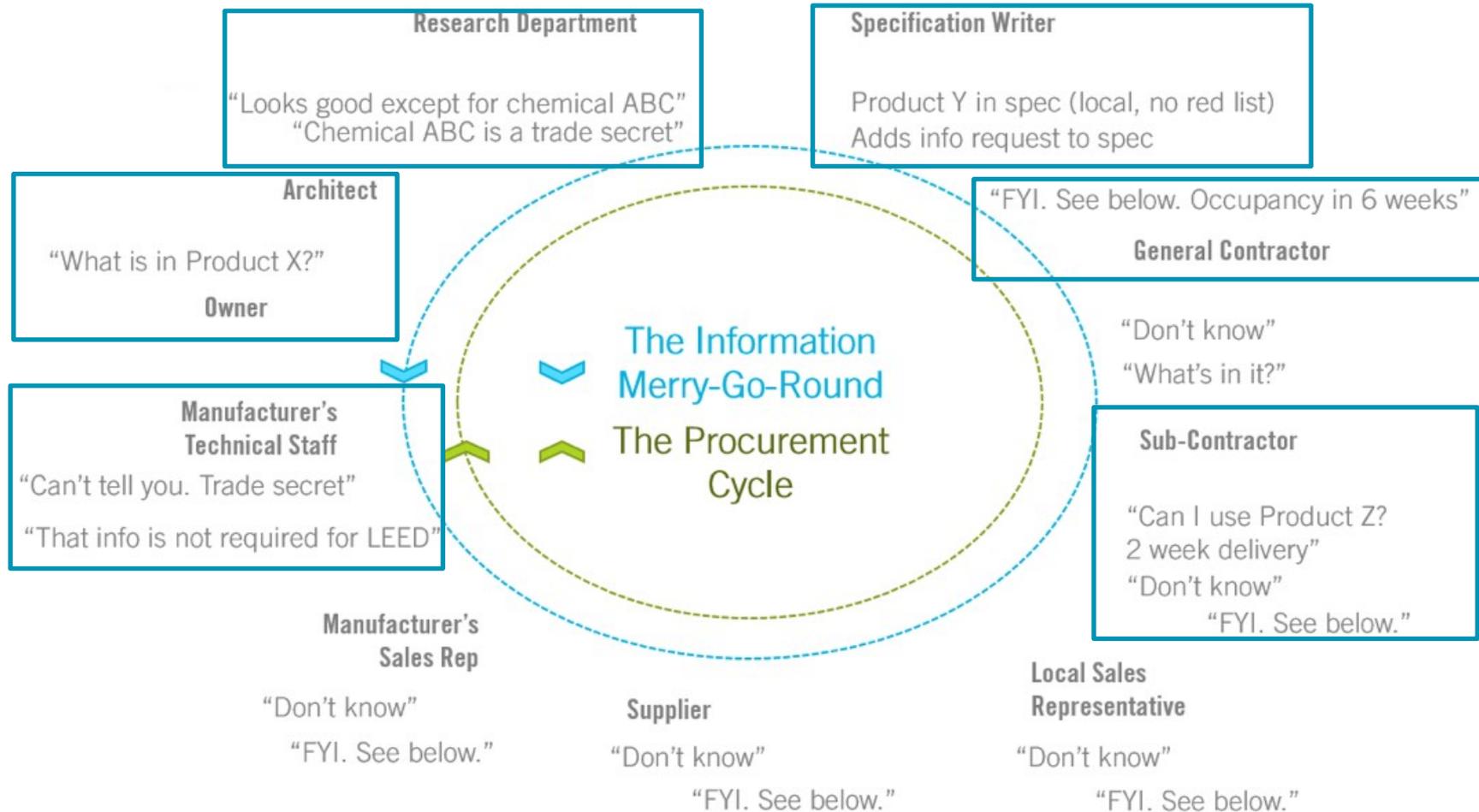
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*Michel Dedeo is working part-time for four months as a material-health fellow at Perkins+Will in San Francisco.*

Understanding a product's environmental impact is a challenge that extends beyond the availability of Health Product Declarations and life cycle assessments. Even with those disclosure documents in hand, specifiers and clients must interpret often-complex information. For help, [Perkins+Will](#)—a [longtime leader in sustainable design](#) and a [promoter of transparency in material disclosure](#)—opened a part-time fellowship position with the task of educating the firm on material-health issues. We pitched a few questions via email to the fellow, Michel Dedeo, who holds a PhD in chemistry from the University of California, Berkeley, and consults on the Healthy Building Network's [Pharos Project](#), to learn about his job and how his work is affecting the firm's specifications. Dedeo will hold the post part-time for four months but the firm said in an email that it hopes to hire more material-health fellows in the future.

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## Substitutes During Construction



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# Cleaning in Healthcare Facilities

Reducing human health effects and environmental impacts

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**Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.**

World Health Organization of **Health**  
**1946**

# Poll Question #3

*Have you used any of the following ecolabels to guide your purchasing of safer products?*

- 1. Green Seal*
- 2. UL EcoLogo*
- 3. Design for Environment/Safer Choice*
- 4. EPEAT*
- 5. USDA Organic*

# Presentations



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# How to Use Certifications to Purchase Safer Products



**Alicia Culver**  
**Responsible Purchasing Network**

**Safer Purchasing Webinar**  
**September 30, 2015**

# Why Certification of Toxicity Claims is Important

- **Prevents greenwashing (unsubstantiated or false claims)**
  - ✓ Sets standards for all products in a category to meet
  - ✓ Verify claims, including onsite audit of manufacturing process
  - ✓ Avoids health and environmental tradeoffs
- **Makes bid solicitation and evaluation easy by listing certified products**
- **Often addresses product performance**



# How to Evaluate Certifications

## Important criteria to look for:

- **Independently developed**  
(no conflict of interest)
- **Transparent standard and process**  
(you know what you're getting)
- **Multi-attribute** (standard addresses all important health and environmental impacts)
- **Enough products are certified by this**  
(or equivalent) certification to get competition



# 5 Northeastern States Used Third-Party Certifications to Procure Janitorial Supplies



- **General Purpose Cleaners**
- **Specialty Cleaners and Deodorizers**
- **Floor Polish & Strippers**
- **Laundry and Dish Detergents**
- **Hand Soaps and Hand Sanitizers**
- **Deicing Chemicals**
- **Janitorial Paper Products**

# Multi-Attribute Certifications Address Many Health Concerns

## **Example:** Green Seal's Certification of Institutional Cleaners (GS-37)

- **Known and Suspected Carcinogens**
- **Reproductive Toxins**
- **Asthmagens**
- **Endocrine disruptors**
- **Skin sensitizing agents**
- **Corrosivity to skin and eyes**
- **Aquatic toxicity**
- **Performance testing**
- **Packaging**



# Lists of Certified Cleaners Make Bid Solicitation/Evaluation Easy

 <b>Household Products (GS-8)</b>	 <b>Construction Materials &amp; Equipment (GS-13, GS-31)</b>	 <b>Paints &amp; Coatings (GS-11, GS-43)</b>	 <b>Printing &amp; Writing Paper (GS-7, GS-10, GS-15)</b>
 <b>Paper Towels, Napkins &amp; Tissue Paper (GS-1, GS-9)</b>	 <b>Food Packaging (GS-18, GS-35)</b>	 <b>Institutional Cleaning Products (GS-34, GS-37, GS-40)</b>	 <b>Hand Soaps &amp; Cleaners (GS-41)</b>
 <b>Commercial Cleaning Services (GS-42)</b>	 <b>Hotels and Lodging Properties (GS-33)</b>		

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Search For Products: Keyword Search: Energy Efficiency Certified Products

**Evaluation Type**

- Bio-Based Material - Claim Validation
- Building Indoor Air Quality Performance Certification
- ECOLOGO Certification
- Environmental Product Declaration
- Formaldehyde Free - Claim Validation
- Green Laboratory Practices
- GREEN SQUARED
- GREENGUARD Certification
- GREENGUARD Gold Certification
- Landfill Waste Diversion - Claim Validation
- Mold Resistance - Claim Validation
- Multi-attribute Sustainability Certification

**Your Resource for Healthier, More Sustainable Products**

This free resource connects you to third-party certified products you can trust. All products that have achieved certification/validation from UL Environment, including GREENGUARD and ECOLOGO Certified products are listed in this guide. UL Environment is not affiliated with any manufacturer or product that it certifies/validates.

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**Search Products that Meet the Safer Choice Standard**

Looking for safer cleaning and other products? Use the search box below to find products that meet the Safer Choice Standard.

Search Products

Product or Company Name (Optional):  Business

Deicers

Note: In the product listing, the notation (\*) means that the partner company is overdue for an audit.

Product Name	Company	Sector	Type
ClearLane Enhanced Deicer	Cargill Deicing Technology	Business	Deicers
Diamond Crystal Early Hold	Cargill Salt	Business	Deicers
Thawmate Gold ActClear Gold			
Safer Step Pro Series 363 Choice Formula			
Safer Step Pro Series 333 Choice Formula			
Safer Step Pro Series 333 Choice Formula			
Safer Step Sure Pines	Compass Minerals International, Inc.	Business	Deicers
Safer Step Extreme 8300			
Safer Step Pro Series 339			



# Multi-Attribute Certifications for Janitorial Paper



VS



- Eco-Conscious
- Recycled content

# Latex Paint Certifications

## Third-party certifications for low-toxicity latex paint and primer

- ✓ Green Seal
- ✓ UL EcoLogo
- ✓ Master Painters Institute Extreme Green (X-Green)



## Multi-attribute criteria for low-toxicity paint

- ✓ Limits on VOCs
- ✓ Prohibitions on carcinogens, mutagens, reproductive toxins, hazardous air pollutants, ozone-depleting substances
- ✓ Prohibitions on phthalates, etc.
- ✓ Performance criteria

# Toxicity Restrictions in Master Painter Institute's Standards



- All Green Performance Standards set a VOC standard of 50 g/l.
- X-Green products are also certified low-emitting.

[The MPI Green Performance® Standard requires that the manufacturer shall demonstrate that the following chemical compounds are not used as ingredients in the manufacture of the product: [Trace elements (max. 5 ppm) as a by-product are excluded.]

Acrolein	Diethyl phthalate	Formaldehyde	Methylene Chloride
Acrylonitrile	Dimethyl phthalate	Hexavalent Chromium	Naphthalene
Antimony	Di-n-butyl phthalate	Isophorone	Toluene (Methylbenzene)
Asbestos	Di-n-octyl phthalate	Lead	1,1,1 -trichloroethane
Benzene	1,2 -dichlorobenzene	Mercury	Vinyl Chloride
Butyl benzyl phthalate	Di (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate	Methyl ethyl ketone	
Cadmium	Ethylbenzene	Methyl isobutyl ketone	

*IARC – Group 1 Carcinogenic to humans [excluding crystalline silica, not in the form of quartz or cristobalite dust].*

# Lists of Certified Paints Make Bid Solicitation/Evaluation Easy



**MPI GREEN PERFORMANCE™ STANDARD PRODUCTS**

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**MPI # 43 X-Green™ Latex, Interior, (MPI Gloss Level 4)**

Note: Requires a properly-prepared Level 5 drywall finish. See "Standard Specification for Application and Finishing of Gypsum Board – ASTM C 840".

A white, or colored, water based latex-based paint with a finish between a traditional eggshell and semi-gloss. Used on primed/sealed interior plaster and gypsum board, and on primed wood and metals.

[Gloss must be 20 to 35 units @ 60° and sheen minimum 35 units @ 85°. Other evaluated characteristics include consistency/viscosity, dry time, fineness of grind, hiding power by contrast ratio method, reflectance, alkali resistance, flexibility, scrubability, and sealing properties. See MPI 'Detailed Performance' Specs for complete details, specific requirements, and/or reference specs.] [MPI Detailed Performance](#)

MPI VOC Ranges (grams/L)	E3 <51 g/l	E2 g/l	E1 g/l	E '0' - outside range, n/a - unavailable					
EPR - Environmental Performance Rating (VOC & Relative Performance of Category+Gloss & Appropriate Specified Use). ✓ meets GPS-1, ✓ meets MPI GPS-2 for Standard Category: Interior Architectural Non-Flat Intermediate/Top Coats ✓ meets RG (OTC or EC) ✓ meets LEED (excluding LEED for schools)									
Listing Mfr	Label	Product Name	Code	E Range	RG	EC	EPR	GPS-1	GPS-2
Behr Paint	Premium Plus	Interior Satin Enamel	7050	E3	✓	✓	3.5	✓	✓
Behr Paint	Premium Plus Ultra	Interior Satin Enamel	7750	E3	✓	✓	3.5	✓	✓
Benjamin Moore	Aura	Waterborne Interior Paint Satin Finish	526/K526	E3	✓	✓	3.5	✓	✓
Benjamin Moore	Ben	Premium Interior Latex Pearl Finish	K628	E3	✓	✓	3.5	✓	✓
Benjamin Moore	Regal Select	Premium Interior Paint & Primer Pearl Finish	550/K550	E3	✓	✓	3.5	✓	✓
Benjamin Moore	Super Hide	Zero VOC Interior Semi-Gloss	358	E3	✓	✓	3.5	✓	✓
Benjamin Moore	Ultra Spec 500	Waterborne Interior Semi Gloss	N539/K539	E3	✓	✓	3.5	✓	✓
Kelly-Moore	494 KM Commercial Interior Latex Satin Enamel	494 KM Commercial Interior Latex Satin Enamel	494122	E3	✓	✓	3.5	✓	✓
PPG Architectural	Glidden Professional (US)	Ultra-Hide 150 Interior Lo Lustre Paint	1433	E3	✓	✓	3.5	✓	✓
PPG Architectural	PPG Paints	Ultra-Hide 150 Interior Lo Lustre Paint	1433G	E3	✓	✓	3.5	✓	✓
Sherwin-Williams	Cashmere	Interior Acrylic Pearl Lustre	D15W00151	E3	✓	✓	3.5	✓	✓
Sherwin-Williams	EcoSelect	EcoSelect Zero VOC Semi-Gloss	A20W00851	E3	✓	✓	3.5	✓	✓

	<a href="#">Rust-Oleum Corporation</a>	Sierra Performance™ S40 Water-Based Epoxy Floor Coating (Gloss w/Activator)
	<a href="#">Rust-Oleum Corporation</a>	Sierra Performance™ S42 Water-Based Epoxy Floor Coating (Satin w/Activator)
	<a href="#">Rust-Oleum Corporation</a>	Sierra Performance™ S60 Water-Based Epoxy Maintenance Coating (Gloss w/Activator)
<b>GS-43 Recycled Content Latex Paints</b>		
	<a href="#">Metro Paint</a>	Low-Sheen Recycled Latex Paint
	<a href="#">Metro Paint</a>	Metro Paint Interior/Exterior
	<a href="#">Visions Recycling Company</a>	Workhorse Exterior (Latex Flat, Latex Low Sheen)
	<a href="#">Visions Recycling Company</a>	Workhorse Interior (Latex Flat, Latex Eggshell, Latex Semi-Gloss)

# Toxicity Restrictions Are Included in Many Certifications



# Reference Certifications in Bid Solicitations

**“Products/services purchased under this contract must be \_\_\_\_\_ certified or provide demonstrable proof of meeting the \_\_\_\_\_ standard and certification requirements. The \_\_\_\_\_ standard and certification requirements are available at < \_\_\_\_\_ >.”**

# Encourage Supplier Labeling of Certified Products



## GOJO® FMX-12™ Green Seal Certified Foam Hand Cleaner Refill, 42 Oz.

Item # 603095

*Mild foam soap formula*

- Designed for use with GOJO TFX™ 2730 Touch-Free Foam Soap Dispensers.
- Green Seal®-certified to ensure lower impact on the environment.

[▶ MORE ABOUT THIS PRODUCT](#)



Tech Specs	Additional Information	Compliance & Restrictions	MSDS	Required Accessories	Optional Accessories	Alternate Products	Repair Parts
Sub-Category		Metal					
Item		Cleaner					
Form		Liquid					
Size		22 oz.					
Container Type		Trigger Spray Bottle					
For Use On		Stainless Steel, Brass, Chrome, Aluminum, Granite, Marble, Corian , Tile Surfaces					
Contains		Soy					
Green Certification or Other Recognition		EPA Design for the Environment Recognized					
Green Environmental Attribute		Biobased with A Minimum 73% of Total Weight of Organic Carbon As Per ASTM D6866					

# Low-Toxicity Certifications for Services



A screenshot of the e-Stewards website. The header includes the e-Stewards logo (a globe with hands) and the text "e-Stewards THE GLOBALLY RESPONSIBLE WAY TO RECYCLE YOUR ELECTRONICS". Below the header is a navigation menu with links: Home, About us, Find e-Stewards Recyclers, The e-waste crisis, Recycling resources, e-Stewards Certification, and News + Media. The main content area shows a photograph of an industrial facility with large piles of e-waste and smoke rising from chimneys. A text overlay at the bottom of the photo reads: "e-waste in Gulu, China is often simply burned resulting in severe pollution of ground, water, and air."

# RPN Safer Purchasing Resources

Green Purchasing Best Practices:  
Architectural Paints and Coatings



Green Purchasing Best Practices:  
Traffic Paint



Green Purchasing Best Practices:  
Office and Dorm Furniture



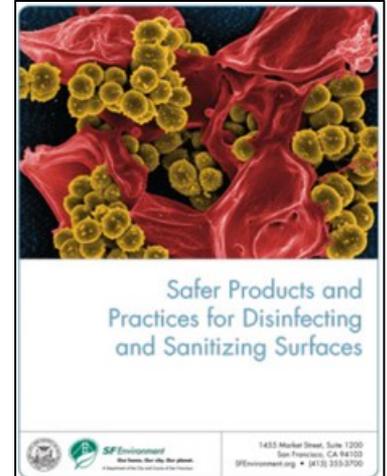
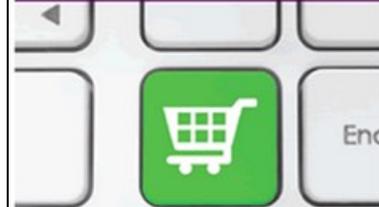
Green Purchasing Best Practices:  
Deicers



Green Purchasing Best Practices:  
Compostable Food Service Ware



Advancing Safer Chemicals  
in Products  
The Key Role of Purchasing  
JUNE 2015





**Coalition *for* Healthier Schools**  
*...providing the national platform and  
the forum for environmental health at school, since 2001...*  
Coordinated by Healthy Schools Network

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**Healthy Purchasing for Healthy Schools**  
A Guidance Memo  
*Green Cleaning + Five More Product Categories to Help Make Schools Healthier*



- **Green Cleaning Supplies**
- **Low-Toxicity Paints**
- **EPEAT-Registered Electronics**
- **ACMI AP Art Supplies**
- **PVC-free/Recycled Office Supplies**
- **Low-Emitting Furniture**

# Questions? Comments?



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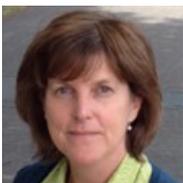
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# EPEAT

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# What does EPEAT cover?

60 manufacturers, 43 countries, over 2500 unique products

**Currently:** PC/Display

Imaging equipment

Television

**Up next:** Servers

Mobile devices

Photovoltaic panels



# What is the benefit to users?

## *For Purchasers*

A single, credible, easy-to-use, comparative environmental performance rating to address lifecycle environmental issues across product categories

## *For Industry*

Consistent environmental performance criteria for design of products and services. Provides market rewards for design and service strategies that reduce products' environmental impact.

# A Lifecycle Approach



# Summary of Criteria in Standards Used in EPEAT

	Computers/Displays (2009)		Imaging Equipment (2012)		Televisions (2012)	
	Required	Optional	Required	Optional	Required	Optional
<b>Environmentally Sensitive Materials</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Materials Selection</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Design for End of Life</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Product Longevity/Life Cycle Extension</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Energy Conservation</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>End of Life Management</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Corporate Performance</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Packaging</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Consumables</b>	-	-	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	-	-
<b>Indoor Air Quality</b>	-	-	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	-	-
<b>Total # Criteria</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>29</b>
	<b>Required</b>	<b>Optional</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Optional</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Optional</b>
	<b>51 Total</b>		<b>59 Total</b>		<b>53 Total</b>	

# How are products rated in EPEAT?

- Products must meet all **required** criteria to qualify for EPEAT.
- Required criteria identify high environmental performance
- Products are rated Bronze, Silver or Gold based on how many **optional** criteria they meet,

Green (< 50%)



Greener (50-75%)



Greenest (> 75%)



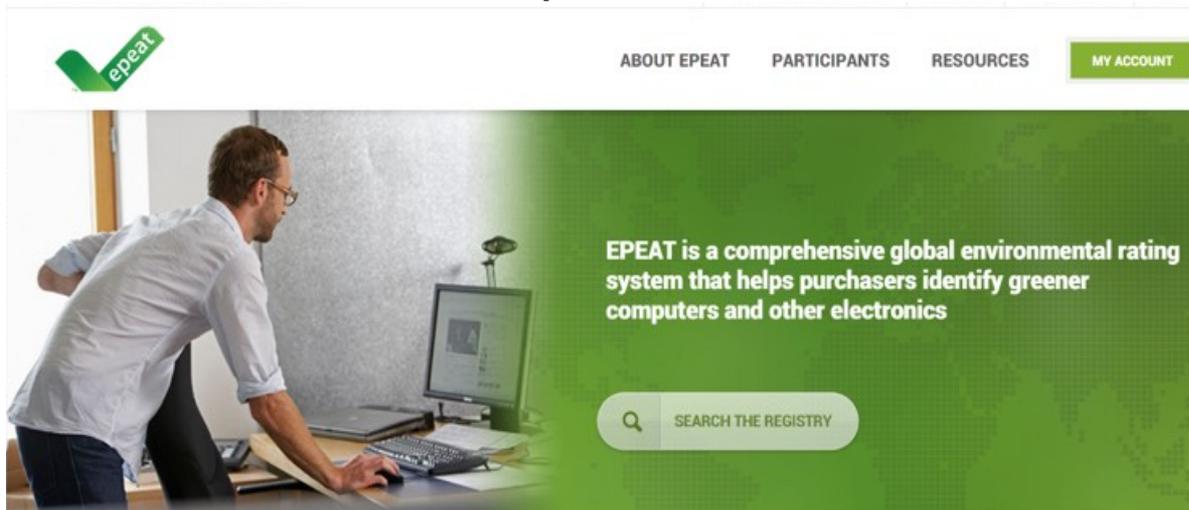
Ratings are granted automatically by system software based on declaration



# Central Registry at [www.epeat.net](http://www.epeat.net)

- Provides

- “One stop shop” for purchasers to view all registered products
- One visible performance standard for OEMs - competition
- Comparison by product, by specific criteria, by company ‘fleet’
- Global coverage with country-specific detail - a single data source for multinational purchasers



# Search function – dig down and compare

## EPEAT Product Comparison

[Back to Search Results](#)

Criterion	Brand: Toshiba Model: eStudio507G Company: Toshiba Country: United States Rating: Gold Points: 19/25	Brand: Konica Minolta Model: bizhub C308 Company: Konica Minolta Country: United States Rating: Gold Points: 21/25	Brand: RICOH Model: MP 4054SPG Company: Ricoh Country: United States Rating: Gold Points: 19/25
4.1.2.1 Further reduction of the use of European Union RoHS Directive hazardous substances (cadmium)	YES	YES	YES
4.1.3.2 Use of non-mercury containing light sources	YES	YES	YES
4.1.4.1 Reduction of substances on the European Union REACH Candidate List of SVHCs	NO	YES	YES
4.1.6.2 Eliminating or reducing BFR/CFR content of printed circuit board laminates	NO	NO	NO
4.1.6.3 Eliminating or reducing BFR/CFR/PVC content of product	NO	NO	NO
4.1.7.1 Reduce fluorinated gas emissions resulting from flat panel display manufacturing	YES	YES	YES
4.1.8.1 Inventory of intentionally added chemicals residing in the product	YES	YES	YES

# Search by optional criteria

## Optional Criteria

- 4.1.2.1 - Further reduction of the use of European Union RoHS Directive hazardous substances (cadmium)
- 4.1.3.2 - Use of non-mercury containing light sources
- 4.1.4.1 - Reduction of substances on the European Union REACH Candidate List of SVHCs
- 4.1.6.2 - Eliminating or reducing BFR/CFR content of printed circuit board laminates
- 4.1.6.3 - Eliminating or reducing BFR/CFR/PVC content of product
- 4.1.7.1 - Reduce fluorinated gas emissions resulting from flat panel display manufacturing
- 4.1.8.1 - Inventory of intentionally added chemicals residing in the product
- 4.2.1.3 - Minimum 5% to 10% content of postconsumer recycled plastic
- 4.2.1.4 - Minimum 25% content of postconsumer recycled plastic
- 4.2.2.2 - Minimum content of biobased plastic material
- 4.3.1.2 - Ease of disassembly of consumer products
- 4.3.4.3 - Minimum 90% reusable/recyclable
- 4.4.2.1 - Product upgradeability
- 4.5.2.1 - Product specific greenhouse gas emissions – life cycle assessment
- 4.5.2.2 - Product specific greenhouse gas emissions — third party verification or making LCA assessment publicly available
- 4.5.3.2 - Auto standby capability

# Best practice standards attributes

- Lifecycle, multi-attribute approach
- Tiering: serious baseline requirements plus higher level criteria to provide direction, reward effort
- Central information source, ability for detailed comparison
- Stakeholder involvement in development so it meets needs, accommodates (but pushes) capabilities

# Representative Purchaser Users

- **National Governments** US, Canada, Australia, France, Poland, New Zealand, Singapore, Brazil, Costa Rica (Scotland)
- **States/Provinces** CA, CO, MA, ME, MI, MN, NY, OH, OR, PA, VT, WA, WI; Provinces of BC, NS, ON, QU; Warwickshire County (UK), Minas Gerais (Brazil), WSCA and US Communities collaboratives
- **Cities** San Francisco, Phoenix, San Jose, Vancouver, Seattle, Portland OR, LA County, Culver City CA, Keene NH, Leeds, UK
- **Enterprise** Charles Schwab, Deutsche Bank, Dignity Health System, Fairmount Hotels, Ford Motor Company, HDR, HSBC, Kaiser Permanente, KPMG, Marriott, McKesson, Microsoft, NBC-Universal, Nike, Saint Gobain, Societe Generale, Tesco, Wipro
- **Colleges/Universities** Of 300+ universities and colleges surveyed, 190 used EPEAT in their electronics purchasing decisions; of those, 70 purchased exclusively EPEAT-registered products.

*Listing is for informational purposes only and does not imply endorsement*



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# Poll Question #4

*What one additional resource would **most help you** advance your organization's safer products purchasing program?*

- 1. Model policy language*
- 2. Sample specifications*
- 3. Sources of credible product toxicity info and alternatives*
- 4. Hands-on technical support*
- 5. Webinars on specific product categories*

# Question & Answer Time



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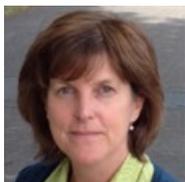
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# Upcoming Events

Date	Organization	Host	Audience
Oct 21, 1-2:30 pm EDT	<p><b><u><a href="#">IT Purchasing: Addressing Worker Health &amp; Safety, Energy Use, Toxics, and Disposal</a></u></b></p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carlos Busquets, Director of Public Policy, EICC</li> <li>• Stacey Foreman, City of Portland, Oregon</li> <li>• Luke Soules, iFixit</li> <li>• Ted Smith, International Campaign for Responsible Technology</li> </ul>	SPLC	<i>SPLC Members Only</i>
Oct 28, 12-1 pm EDT	<p><b><u><a href="#">Briefing: How Executive Order 13693 is Being Implemented within Federal Purchasing</a></u></b></p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dee Siegel, White House Council on Environmental Quality</li> <li>• Kevin Funk, US General Services Administration</li> </ul>	SPLC	<i>SPLC Members Only</i>
Nov 4, 1-2:30 pm EDT	<p><b><u><a href="#">Purchasing for Zero-Waste</a></u></b></p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Allaway, Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality</li> <li>• Michele Grossman, Waste Management</li> <li>• Garrison Marr, Snohomish County</li> <li>• Mark Rossolo, UL Environment</li> </ul>	SPLC	<i>SPLC Members Only</i>