



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**

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.



Example Projects

High Priority Chemicals Data System (HPCDS)

Some members of the IC2 have passed legislation requiring the submission of information by producers on the uses of chemicals in products. The IC2 supports implementation of these requirements.

Chemical Hazard Assessment Database

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

States' Chemicals of Concern Database

Many IC2 members have developed and published lists of chemicals of concern as part of their efforts to implement state legislation. To provide assistance to these efforts, the IC2 has developed an online, searchable database that combines these state lists so users can:

- Search for chemicals on one or more state lists
- Identify source lists for the chemicals
- Identify hazard and toxicity characteristics associated with the chemicals on the lists
- Link to additional information on the chemicals

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.

IC2 Database Workgroup

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

IC2 Alternatives Assessment Workgroup

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

IC2 Procurement Workgroup

The purpose of IC2's Procurement Workgroup is to advance low toxicity government procurement.

IC2 PFAS Workgroup

The purpose of 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 Equity Workgroup

The purpose of IC2's Equity Workgroup is to advance health and environmental equity and explore and identify ways to more fully address equity in IC2's activities.

Members

- California Environmental Protection Agency
- Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
- King County Local Hazardous Waste Management Program
- Maine Department of Environmental Protection
- Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
- Metro (Portland, OR)
- Minnesota Department of Health
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
- New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
- Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
- Oregon Health Authority
- San Francisco Department of the Environment
- Vermont Department of Health
- Washington State Department of Ecology

Supporting Members

- Center for Environmental Health
- ChemForward
- Citizens' Environmental Coalition
- Clean and Healthy NY
- Clean Production Action
- Clean Water Action Minnesota
- Clean Water Fund
- Defend Our Health
- Healthy Babies Bright Futures
- Lowell Center for Sustainable Production
- National Tribal Toxics Council
- New York State Pollution Prevention Institute
- North Carolina Conservation Network
- Oregon Environmental Council
- Pacific Northwest Pollution Prevention Resource Center

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