

Green Chemistry/Procurement Update

Columbia River Toxics Reduction Working Group

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Recent Regional Green Chemistry Activity

- **Northwest Green Chemistry**

<http://www.northwestgreenchemistry.org/>

- EPA provided seed funds to start this group – led by WA Ecology
- Mission: Enhance green chemistry innovation while promoting economic growth in the region
- Copper Boat Paint Alternatives “Scorecard”
- April 23-24 workshop for chemists and toxicologists (at Edgefield in Troutdale)

- **Alternatives Assessment Guide**

http://theic2.org/alternatives_assessment_guide

- Interstate Chemicals Clearinghouse (IC2) project led by WA Ecology
- Goal: assist businesses & agencies avoid “regrettable substitutions”

- Idaho DEQ - advancing green chemistry education in schools

- Universities – on-going work by UW, UO, OSU

- Research and curriculum

Government Procurement of Low Toxicity Products

- Oregon Green Chemistry Executive Order
 - DAS Guidelines for all product categories
<http://www.oregon.gov/DAS/OP/pages/policies.aspx> - “Green Chemistry Guidelines”
 - Janitorial Supplies Price Agreement (OR-WA)
 - Focus on third-party certified products and chemical exclusions
 - Pursuing other product categories – Office Supplies, Flame Retardant-Free Furniture
- Healthy Purchasing Coalition
 - Local governments in OR (led by OEC) → promoting Health Product Declarations by suppliers
- Tribal governments – Casino purchasing initiative
- Idaho DEQ – working with local governments to promote low toxicity purchasing

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Green Chemistry/Procurement Team Focus

- Communicate Columbia Basin chemicals of concern priorities to Northwest Green Chemistry
- Federal Green Challenge – connections to procurement & CRTRWG federal agencies participation
- Increase participation of CRTWRG members in OR-WA price agreements (e.g., janitorial supplies)
- Determine how work of EPA Office of P2 and Toxics can connect to Northwest green chemistry efforts
- Further tribal procurement efforts through National Tribal Toxics Coalition
- Develop communication strategy for CRTRWG