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FLAME RETARDANTS A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Proviso Language

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26 (a) Review tetrabromobisphenol A, chemical abstracts service number 79-94-7 and antimony, chemical abstracts service number 7440-36-0 and 28 their use in children's products and furniture as flame retardants. 29 The department must consider available information on the hazards, 30 uses, exposures, potential health and environmental concerns, safer 31 alternatives, existing regulatory programs, and information from other 32 governments or authoritative bodies. By December 31, 2014, the 33 department must provide to the appropriate committees of the 34 legislature a summary of the data reviewed and recommendations on 35 whether to ban or restrict antimony and tetrabromobisphenol A flame 36 retardants in children's products and furniture; and 37 (b) Test for the presence of flame retardants in children's 38 products and furniture. By December 31, 2014, the department must
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1 report to the appropriate legislative committees on test results, 2 available information on hazards, uses, exposures, safer alternatives, 3 existing regulatory programs, potential health and environmental 4 concerns, information from other governmental or authoritative bodies, 5 and recommendations on whether to restrict or ban the flame retardants 6 in children's products and furniture.



TDCPP: Tris(1,3-dichloro-2-propyl) phosphate

TCPP: Tris(1-chloro-2-propyl) phosphate

TBPH: Bis(2-ethylhexyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrabromophthalate

TPP: Triphenyl phosphate

V6: Antiblaze® V6 or 2,2-bis(chloromethyl)propane-

1,3-diyltetrakis(2-chloroethyl) bisphosphate

IPTPP: Isopropylphenyl phosphate

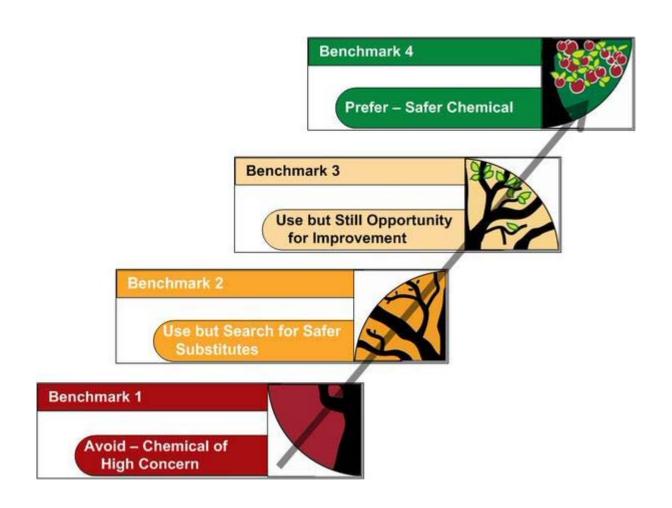
TCEP: Tris(2-chloroethyl) phosphate

TBB: (2-ethylhexyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrabromobenzoate

HBCD: Hexabromocyclododecane



Green Screen for Safer Chemicals





Recommendations – Children's Products & Furniture

- Establish 1000 ppm limit for TDCPP,
 TCPP, TBPH, V6, IPTPP, TCEP, TBB
- Establish 1000 ppm limit for HBCD,
 TBBPA in additive form



Recommendations —TBBPA

- Insufficient evidence for restrictions
- Require reporting on additive TBBPA
- Encourage safer alternatives
- Gather more information on use



Recommendations – Antimony & Antimony Trioxide (ATO)

- Insufficient evidence for restrictions
- Require reporting on use of ATO in consumer products

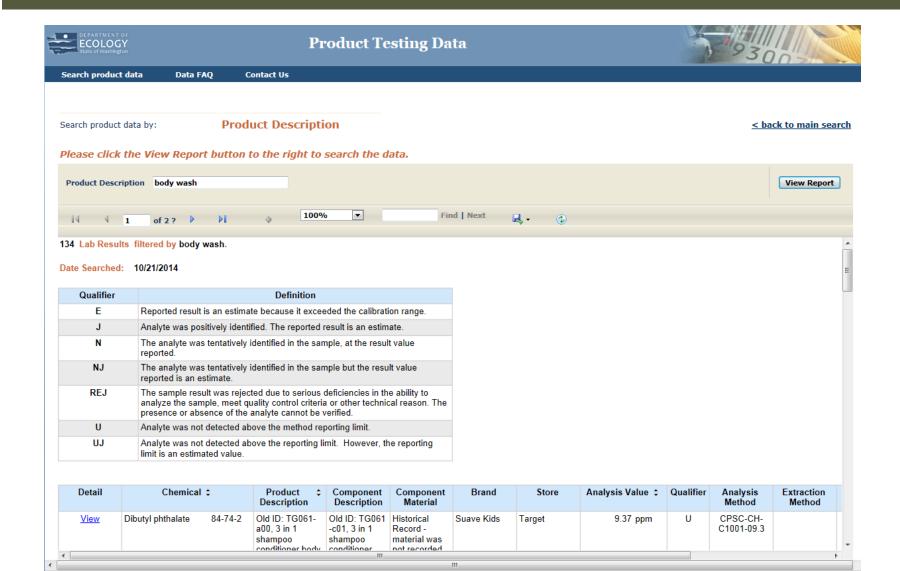


Other Recommendations

- Comprehensive Chemical Action Plan on FRs
- Require reporting on use of FRs in consumer products
- Encourage alternative assessments / safer alternatives
- Address gaps in data on human exposure
- Environmentally preferred purchasing



Product Testing Database





Blog Series



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Earth ... pass it on: Tackling Toxics

Children First

By Erika Holmes, communications manager, Reducing Toxic Threats

Toxic chemicals, especially long-lasting ones that build up over time, can be found everywhere - our air, land, water ... and our bodies. Some pose an immediate health threat, especially to children exposed during critical periods in their development. Others, called <u>persistent, bioaccumulative toxics</u>, gradually increase in the environment and in our bodies, causing disease long after we are first exposed.

Preventing exposures to toxics is the smartest, cheapest and healthiest way to protect people and the environment, which guides the Department of Ecology's approach to <u>reducing toxic threats</u> in Washington.



Children are more sensitive to toxic chemicals than the general population. The presence of a chemical in a product does not necessarily mean it's unsafe. However, knowing which <u>chemicals of high concern to children</u> manufacturers use in products provides essential clues to understand when safer alternatives are needed.

Groundbreaking laws help move toward safer products for children and general consumers

Many laws aimed at reducing the impacts of toxic chemicals ban or limit one chemical or product at a time. Washington is taking a broader approach by creating laws addressing one of the biggest challenges in developing more effective toxic chemical policies - the lack of data.

In 1991, Washington was one of the first states to pass legislation limiting four toxic metals (mercury, lead, cadmium, and hexavalent chromium) in all packaging. The toxics in packaging law takes a broad view of packaging by including its components and covering a wide range of materials used as packaging.

In 2008, Washington passed the <u>Children's Safe Product Act</u> (CSPA). The law has two parts. The first part limited the amounts of lead, cadmium and six phthalates allowed in children's products sold in Washington after July 1, 2009. Ecology and the Department of Health enacted the second part of the law by developing a list of <u>chemicals of high concern to children</u> and rules requiring <u>manufacturers to report their use of these chemicals</u> in children's products.

Taking action: Moving from the law books to the laboratory

During 2012 and 2013, Ecology tested children's and consumer products to verify that manufacturers are complying with CSPA and toxics in packaging requirements.

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RESOURCES

Flame retardant report:

https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/SummaryPages/1404047.html

Summary:

https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/SummaryPages/1504008.html

Search reported data on children's products:

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

Search product testing data:

https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/ptdbpublicreporting/Default.aspx

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