

Resource Needs and Policy Reform Working Group

Lack of Sustainable Funding

- Northwest Power and Conservation Council – mapping and monitoring

Policy Reform

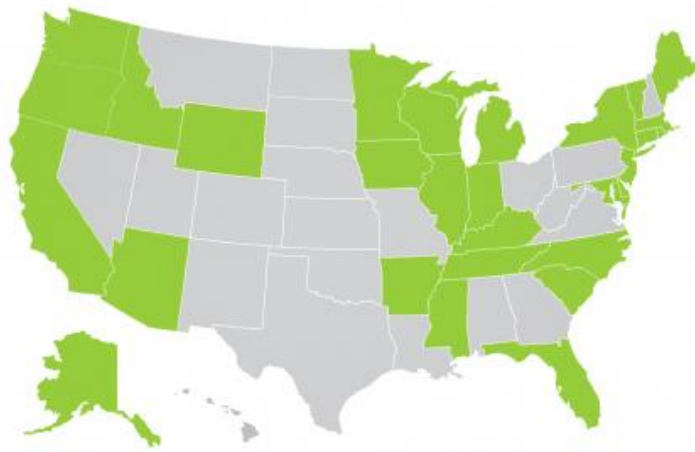
- Federal
- Washington
- Idaho

**March 3, 2015 – Columbia River Toxics Reduction Working
Group Meeting, Portland, Oregon**

- Dianne Barton, CRITFC Water Quality Coordinator

Federal

- TSCA reform of the may be the biggest environmental undertaking of the 114th Congress. Preemption of state law already looms as one of the most contentious issues in the path of modernizing the act. (American Bar Association).



States expected to introduce toxics legislation in 2015

Safer Chemicals/Health Families

- Children's products disclosure
- Flame retardants
- Phthalates
- Lead
- Bisphenol A
- Cadmium
- Other (formaldehyde, microbeads, triclosan, mercury)

Federal

- In the House, leaders from both parties now say they will begin fresh rather than basing efforts on the draft *Chemicals in Commerce Act* written by Rep. John Shimkus (R-Ill.) in the last Congress. Leaders say they are looking to write a small, limited bill that can garner bipartisan support. (PulsePoint Feb 5, 2015)
- Sen. James Inhofe (R-OK), who took over as the panel's chairman for the 114th Congress, has vowed to pursue TSCA reform efforts this year but acknowledged in a brief Feb. 4 interview with Inside EPA, the "difference of opinion" with Boxer on preemption. (Inside EPA, Feb 24, 2015)
- Children and Firefighter Protection Act – bans ten classes of toxic flame retardants

Washington

- **WA HB1472/SB 5406 Use of chemical action plans to require safer chemicals in Washington**
 - Governor Inslee sponsored approach to limiting toxics
 - Alternative assessments
 - Amended to more legislative control than Ecology authority
- **WA 1174/5684 Flame retardant chemicals in children's products**
 - Lead, cadmium, flame retardants, phthalates,

Oregon

- OR SB 478 – Toxic-Free Kids Act
 - Heard by Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources on March 2nd
 - Oregon Health Authority establish lists of high priority chemicals and post information for consumers
 - Disclosure of high priority chemicals of concern in children's products
 - Removal or substitution of chemicals in children's products
 - Testing
 - Interstate Chemicals Clearinghouse