



**Reducing toxic chemicals by:**

- **Fostering collaboration and information sharing**
- **Managing and analyzing data**
- **Harmonizing policies and programs**
- **Offering training**
- **Addressing emerging issues**



The Interstate Chemicals Clearinghouse (IC2) is an association of state, local, and tribal governments that promotes a clean environment, healthy communities, and a vital economy through the development and use of safer chemicals and products. The goals of the IC2 are to:

- Avoid duplication and enhance efficiency and effectiveness of government initiatives on chemicals through collaboration and coordination;
- Build governmental capacity to identify and promote safer chemicals and products; and
- Ensure that agencies, businesses, and the public have easy access to high quality and authoritative chemicals data, information, and assessment methods.

IC2 Members: state, local, and tribal governments

IC2 Supporting Members: non-governmental organizations, businesses, labor organizations, and academic programs

**Members**

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

**Supporting Members**

- Californians for a Healthy and Green Economy (CHANGE)
- Citizens' Environmental Coalition
- Clean and Healthy NY
- Clean Production Action
- Clean Water Fund
- Cradle to Cradle Products Innovation Institute
- Ecovaluate

- Environmental Health Strategy Center
- Healthy Schools Network
- Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy
- Lowell Center for Sustainable Production
- Maureen Gorsen
- Office Depot
- Oregon Environmental Council
- University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) Sustainable Technology and Policy Program
- University of Connecticut Health Center, Chemical Innovations Institute
- Walmart

**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 trainings; and
- Assistance for agencies in meeting the relevant information needs of businesses, consumers, and the public.

***“IC2 allows us to leverage state and local resources to be more efficient, effective, and strategic in reducing toxic chemicals regionally and nationally.”***

**Dick Pedersen,  
Director, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality**

## Structure

The IC2 is a program of the Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association (NEWMOA). NEWMOA provides management and staff support for IC2 and serves as its fiscal agent.

### IC2 Board of Directors

The Board of Directors oversees and coordinates the IC2. The Board includes representatives of the state, local, and tribal government environmental agencies with Directors or Commissioners that sign an IC2 Membership Memorandum of Agreement. Board conference calls serve as a forum to share information on state chemicals policy initiatives and updates from Workgroups and to manage IC2's work.

### IC2 Council

The IC2 Council supports the mission and goals of the IC2 and provides a forum for collaboration and sharing advice and expertise among IC2 Members, Supporting Members, and the Board of Directors. The IC2 Council includes the Board of Directors and representatives of the IC2 Supporting Members.

### IC2 Training Workgroup

The purpose of the IC2 Training Workgroup is to plan informational and technical training sessions.

### IC2 Database Workgroup

The purpose of the IC2 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. The Workgroup has developed several online databases.

### 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 Governance, Outreach, and Recruitment Workgroup

The purpose of the Governance, Outreach, and Recruitment Workgroup is to maintain IC2's governance framework, including the membership criteria, member contributions, and Board structure. The Workgroup is also responsible for leading member recruitment and outreach efforts.

## Projects

### State Chemicals Policy Database

State Chemicals Policy is a searchable database of passed and pending state-level chemicals legislation. Users can search the Database by state, region, status (e.g., enacted, proposed, or failed), policy category (e.g., pollution prevention and single chemical restriction), chemical, and product type (e.g., children's products, and cleaning products).

### States' Chemicals of Concern Database

Various IC2 members have developed and published lists of chemicals of concern as part of their efforts to implement state legislation. To provide support and 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; and
- Link to additional information on the chemicals.

### 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.

### Chemical Use Reporting Coordination

Some members of the IC2 have passed legislation requiring the submission of information on the uses of chemicals in products. The IC2 provides assistance with implementing these requirements.

For more information, visit [www.theIC2.org](http://www.theIC2.org).

***For years many state and local environmental agencies have been working aggressively to reduce toxic chemicals in consumer products as part of a larger effort to reduce toxics in the environment and protect human health. In the absence of an effective national system for securing and sharing data on toxic chemicals, states are working together through IC2 to share information and make the most of limited resources.”***

**Ted Sturdevant,  
former Director, Washington Department of Ecology**