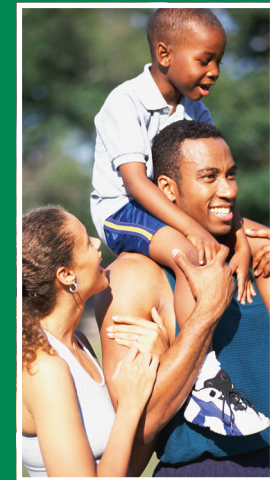




Region 10 Office of Air, Waste and Toxics:

Solid Waste & Toxics Unit



EPA Headquarters National Program Managers:

OSWER	Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response	Tribal Solid and Hazardous Waste
OPPTS	Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances	P2, Lead, Asbestos, Persistent Bioaccumulation and Toxic (PBT) Chemical Program, Tribal P2/Toxics, High Production Volume Chemicals (HPV), Emerging Chemicals, Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers (PBDE) and Perfluorinated Compounds Program (PFOA)
OEI	Office of Environmental Information	Toxics Release Inventory (TRI)
OECA	Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance	Lead, Asbestos, TRI, Tribal Solid and Hazardous Waste, eDisclosure
OAR	Office of Air and Radiation	Energy Star, Asbestos NESHAP

Informing the Public about Toxic Chemical Releases in Communities

Authority: *Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, Section 313*

- Providing direct compliance and technical assistance to industries to properly report toxic chemical releases into the environment, which makes the information publically available via the Toxics Release Inventory: <http://www.epa.gov/tri>.
- Working with the public as well as state, local and national government and public health agencies in the retrieval and application of release data.
- Coordinating within the region to respond to tips and complaints and to target enforcement actions to ensure industries properly report releases.
- Coordinating annual reporting workshops for the public, environmental organizations & facility personnel throughout the region and promoting web-based workshops and training.
- Evaluating data quality and developing strategies for data quality improvement
- Providing program support to emerging issues in the region including the regional mercury strategy, pollution prevention, and global climate change.
- Promoting and implementing the Self-Disclosure Process which includes the web-based system of electronic self-disclosure (eDisclosure).

Fostering Other Efforts to Reduce Toxic Chemicals in the Environment

Authority: *Toxic Substances Control Act*

- Participating in cross program/media effort to address priority persistent, bio-accumulative and toxic (PBT) pollutants such as mercury, dioxin, lead and Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs).
- Serving as regional contact for the High Production Volume (HPV) chemical program, the Emerging Chemicals Program, the Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers (PBDE) Program and the Perfluorinated Compounds Program (mainly PFOA).

Solid Waste and Toxics Programs and Priorities

Protecting Human Health and the Environment

We work to protect human health and the environment through:

- Protecting the public and school children from asbestos exposure
- Building safer tribal waste management systems
- Preventing childhood lead poisoning
- Preventing pollution from being generated in the region
- Reducing energy use by consumers and industry
- Informing the public about toxic chemical releases in their communities

We work directly with tribes, states, local governments, non-profit organizations, the regulated community and the public to achieve our goals. We use many tools including: outreach and education, grants, technical assistance, compliance assistance, enforcement and other tools to meet our goals of protecting health and the environment from the impacts of solid waste and toxic chemicals.

Protecting the Public and School Children from Asbestos Exposure

Authority: Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (TSCA Title II); Clean Air Act, Asbestos National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants

- Reaching out to schools to educate management and staff on preventing asbestos exposures.
- Conducting compliance assistance, inspections and enforcement actions to ensure training providers train asbestos inspectors and workers effectively and that schools properly manage asbestos.
- Monitoring applicable demolition and renovation notifications for Alaska, Idaho, and tribes in Region 10.
- Inspecting demolition/renovation sites as appropriate as well as respond to tips and complaints.
- Ensuring applicable asbestos work practices are followed during demolitions and renovations to minimize the release of asbestos and protect the public.

Building Safer Tribal Waste Management Systems

Authority: Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, Subtitles C and D

- Providing grants and technical assistance to tribes to develop integrated waste management plans and clean up, close and upgrade open dumps.
- Facilitating partnerships amongst federal, tribal, state and local governments to solve specific waste problems.
- Providing site-specific technical assistance in the field to help solve tribal solid waste issues.
- Collaborating on global climate change efforts in Alaska and the Pacific Northwest.
- Developing new and innovative cross-program proposals to support tribal waste reduction efforts.
- Hosting the annual Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management, the only tribal conference in Alaska of its kind.
- Serving as RCRA tribal co-sub-lead with Region 8 for tribal issues, working closely with Office of Solid Waste and the Region 10 Tribal Program.

Preventing Childhood Lead Poisoning

Authority: Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (Title X) and Toxic Substances Control Act (Title IV)

- Educating the regulated community and the public to prevent poisoning of children from lead-based paint and lead hazards.
- Certifying individuals conducting lead-based paint abatement, risk assessment, and inspection.
- Performing compliance assistance and enforcement to ensure that workers are properly trained and certified, that training programs are accredited, and that these activities are conducted according to reliable, effective and safe work practice standards.
- Working with individuals and firms conducting renovation activities that create lead-based paint hazards in target housing and child-occupied facilities to ensure they follow work practice standards and pre-renovation education requirements.
- Conducting compliance assistance and enforcement to ensure that real estate agents,

landlords and property managers properly disclose the presence of lead-based paint and its hazards to residents.

- Partnering with, funding, and overseeing states that run authorized State Lead Programs.
- Funding risk assessments, blood lead testing, and community education for tribes and vulnerable populations in the region.

Pollution Prevention

Authority: Pollution Prevention Act

- Working with state and local governments to support and coordinate the Region's network of Technical Assistance Providers (TAPs). Prevention TAPs provide businesses with assessments and recommendations that can help them to prevent pollution by improving efficiency.
- Working with Region 10 media programs to integrate pollution prevention techniques into EPA's traditional services and work products.
- Working to ensure that Region 10's own facilities/operations employ current best prevention practices.

Preventing Pollution Associated with Energy Production and Use

Authority: Pollution Prevention Act

- Assisting regional governments and businesses with energy efficiency issues, particularly through the Energy Star program (Buildings and Sewage Treatment Facilities).
- Assisting regional Technical Assistance Providers, governments and businesses with renewable energy technologies (wind and solar) and green power purchasing/carbon offset information.
- Providing assistance to Region 10 on climate change planning, integration and outreach, particularly as it pertains to energy conservation and renewables technologies.