

WA CHEMICAL POLICY FORUM
MEETING #27 AGENDA
APRIL 8, 2025
1-2:30PM

Forum Purpose: Stimulate action and development of chemical and hazardous waste policy, research, and policy implementation through information sharing, networking, and collaborative problem solving.

Meeting Topic: Product Testing 101 & Federal changes impacting lower levels

- Visit WACChemicalPolicyWorkgroup.org for information on previous meetings.

Meeting Desired Outcomes:

- Share overview and engage discussion around Product Testing and federal changes that have impacted toxics at the local and state levels.

AGENDA

- I. Welcome, review meeting agenda
- II. Michael Zahn & Sara Sekerak, Ecology: Product Testing 101
 - a. Q&A / Discussion:
 - i. When you're testing/reducing your sample to test for metals, how do you know that the metals you're detecting are actually coming from the brake pad and not the drill bit itself?
 - ii. Product testing lab coming online timetable? – Based on having a funding package approved
 - iii. Formaldehyde releasers?
 - iv. How to choose the material for drilling? How do you select the control material that has the same amount of wear on the bit?
 - v. Important Links:
 1. [Consumer products testing - Washington State Department of Ecology](#)
 2. [Consumer Product Reports](#) (database)
 3. [Children's Safe Products Act - Washington State Department of Ecology](#)
 4. [Addressing priority toxic chemicals - Washington State Department of Ecology](#)
 5. [Product Replacement Program - Washington State Department of Ecology](#)
- III. Chemical Policy Check-in: Federal changes impacting toxics work on state/local level
 - a. Open discussion / What You've Heard
 - b. Margaret Shield, Community Environmental Health Strategies: TSCA / Risk assessments

- i. Potential elimination of EPA Office of Research and Development, cutting 50-75% of office staffers. The Hill 3/27/2025 Dozens of House Democrats push back on planned EPA research and development cuts
- ii. Environmental-Justice-Related Executive Orders: Potential Implications for EPA Program. This CRS memo provides information about EJ statutory requirements that EPA must follow.
- iii. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/02/ensuring-lawful-governance-and-implementing-the-presidents-department-of-government-efficiency-regulatory-initiative/>
- iv. <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-launches-biggest-deregulatory-action-us-history>
- v. "Powering the Great American Comeback," focusing on lowering costs for Americans, revitalizing industries, and rolling back environmental regulations, while still aiming to protect the environment"
- vi. Here is the enabling legislation creating EPA-
<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-1970-10-06/pdf/FR-1970-10-06.pdf#page=1>
- vii. Administrator Zeldin's "Path Forward on Chemical Reviews to Protect Public Health, Increase Efficiency and Follow the Law"
<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-path-forward-chemical-reviews-protect-public-health-increase-efficiency>
- viii. NY Times article on Nancy Beck and Lynn Ann Dekleva
https://www.nytimes.com/2025/01/22/climate/epa-chemical-industry-beck-dekleva.html?unlocked_article_code=1.-E4.NKqA.cHFLxZEVs5X8&smid=url-share
- ix. Congressional Review Act | Overview and Tracking -- there are also some ongoing joint resolutions for opposing and overturning executive agency rules. for instance, there are two joint resolutions introduced against the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements
- c. Marissa Smith, Ecology: Toxics
- d. Holly Davies, WA Department of Health: Federal impacts on health
 - i. A court issued a stay on some of the HHS public health cuts BUT it will not be resolved in the courts prior to the staff being laid off.
<https://apnews.com/article/trump-covid-federal-money-lawsuit-restraining-order-hhs-4d534b9f04389161f71e3bc541e87d7a>
 - ii. [Project 2025 Tracker](#)
 - iii. Support will ultimately come from knitting together stories and a narrative arc which illustrates how important regulatory supports and policies are to bread and butter issues relevant and individuated - along with plain talked this is how you are being screwed language
 - iv. [Regulatory Tracker](#)
 - v. [Environmental Justice Tracker](#)

IV. Wrap-up