

WA Chemical Policy Forum
Meeting #31 Agenda
Thursday, September 11, 2025
2:30-4:00PM

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: Pilot Takeback Program & Roundtable Discussion

- Visit WAChemicalPolicyWorkgroup.org for information on previous meetings.

Meeting Desired Outcomes:

- Share overview and engage discussion around pilot takeback programs

Agenda

- I. Welcome, review of agenda
- II. Heather Trim, Zero Waste Washington: Pilot Takeback Programs
 - a. Q&A / Discussion
 - i. There was funding to work with local government on this work. Is ZWW still charging ahead to find partners?
 1. Because of the new administration and the pullbacks, ZWW slowed the program down purposely to avoid spending too much without reimbursement, but they do have state funding to do pilot takeback events. More assured that they can move forward with the project without being cut. The pilot events had a lot of lessons learned, including advertising, registering people, and how to manage people.
 - ii. Mentioned baking sheets with lead – were they aluminum or stainless steel?
 1. They were aluminum where there are more often seen
 - iii. Re: cutting boards, which were discolored and beat up. There are studies on bacterial contamination on wood cutting boards and are actually safer and self-sanitizing. If you don't treat them with oil, they actually purge the things that stain other cutting boards.
 1. ZWW did put messaging about wood being safer in raw meat and using mineral oil every now and then.
 - iv. Haz Waste will be hosting an XRF user group meeting in November.
 - v. Any interest in advisory committee can reach out to Heather.
 - vi. How hot was cast iron?
 1. Pretty hot
 - vii. Cast aluminum uses lead in the process, but rolled aluminum doesn't

1. Baking sheets are usually rolled aluminum and then formed, but griddles and grates are cast

- III. Roundtable Discussion: If you were to pass one law to make your life easier...
 - a. How liability law works in WA for manufacturers
 - b. Require the detection and remediation of all lead-based paint, which would really impact child health in WA
 - c. Would love to see legislation that funds and requires a biomonitoring program in WA or brings back the one that was there that was modeled after the CA biomonitoring program; It would help us make more linkages between exposures and health impacts
 - d. CA put in some required testing for baby food; Seems like a good regulatory framework and requiring manufacturers to test the food before it's distributed would be a good framework
 - e. Thinking about toxics in products law and having transparency in supply chain laws would make a difference; Really need to ban uses of all organohalogenes
- IV. Wrap-up