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WA Chemical Policy Forum

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Forum Purpose

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

Goals

To strengthen chemical policy and research in Washington State to meet the demands of the changing chemical policy landscape (such as passage of the Safer Products for Washington Act in 2019 and the Lautenberg Act amendments to the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) in 2016, statewide EPR, and the growing need for succession planning and information exchange) through knowledge sharing locally and statewide.

Objectives

1. Convene a regular monthly meeting of local and state agency staff in Washington State to collaborate and stimulate development of improved chemical policy.
2. Provide a forum to share information, inspire innovation, and encourage alignment of local, state, and federal government chemical policies.
3. Increase collaboration among local and state agency staff in Washington State on chemical research, policy, and implementation.
4. Identify positive impacts to public health and environmental quality due to collaboration.

Scope

The scope of the forum includes discussion of, but not limited to:

- regulatory development and implementation of [Safer Products for Washington](#),
- regulatory development and implementation of TSCA - focused on local and state impacts including preemption of local and state regulations,
- bills related to chemical policy during the legislative session,
- discussion and education around new research and how to turn that into policy,
- ad hoc project specific subcommittees, and
- topics of interest as identified by the planning committee and forum.

Membership

Membership of the group is limited to local and state government staff who work on chemical and household hazardous waste policy and research as well as those that plan or develop policy implementation within Washington State. Federal government staff including those from the EPA, staff from other state and local governments outside Washington State, and nonprofit organizations may be invited to participate on an ad hoc basis as needed.

Meeting Guidelines

- Meeting time will be used for knowledge sharing and collaboration; the Forum is not a decision-making body
- Meetings will be organized and run by a professional facilitator
- Meetings will be held virtually via Teams and participants will be asked to follow virtual meeting best practices
- Speakers will be recorded (with permission). Discussion will not be recorded
- Meeting agendas, notes, and presentations will be posted on Forum website (WACChemicalPolicyWorkgroup.org)