Alternatives Assessment-
What’s Happening in WA?

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- Washington Specific AA Guidance Document
- New Reducing Toxic Threats Initiative
WA Specific AA Guidance

- Started process in Summer 2014 by convening Advisory Committee.
- Created ‘Discussion Draft Guidance’ based upon IC2 AA Guide.
- Conducted workshop to make committee familiar with Guide.
- Made changes to draft based upon input received.
WA Specific AA Guidance (cont.)

- Reached agreement on:
  - Use Sequential Framework.
  - Use 4 modules recommended in Guide.
  - Use Level 1 for everything except Hazard.
  - Hazard Level 1 or 2 depending upon company size.
  - AA is hazard based tool so hazard is done first.

Note: This is a minimum. Companies are encouraged to do more!
WA Specific AA Guidance (cont.)

Deviation from Guide:

- After hazard review completed, least hazardous alternatives can be evaluated using any order for three remaining modules (performance, cost & availability, exposure).

Current status:

- Draft updated to reflect changes.
- Out to Advisory Committee for final review.
Reducing Toxic Threats Initiative
Reducing Toxic Threats

- On July 9th, WA Governor Inslee announced new initiative.
- Update water quality standards to change cancer risk from $10^{-6}$ to $10^{-5}$ IF
- New efforts are made to get toxic chemicals out of the supply chain.
- Package deal, industry doesn’t get one without the other.
- If the Legislature does not resolve issue, EPA will over-file on WA and resolve water quality standard issue.

Reducing Toxic Threats (cont.)

- Draft legislation released in November ‘An Act relating to safer chemicals in Washington’

- Main points of Legislation:
  - Requires Ecology to identify 150 High Priority Chemicals.
    - Uses same process for identification as WA’s Children’s Safe Product Act and includes Environmental toxicity.
  - From 150, 20 selected for Chemical Action Plans (CAP).
  - 2 CAPs will be done each year.
  - If the CAP identifies that an AA is needed.
    - Ecology can order a company to do an AA.
    - Ecology reviews AA.
    - If inadequate, directs company to make changes.
    - If revised AA inadequate, Ecology can conduct AA and charge industry for the cost of the AA.
Reducing Toxic Threats (cont.)

Other points of interest in the Legislation:

- If a safer alternative is identified, Ecology may:
  - Prohibit specific uses of the chemical or
  - Prohibit sale of product in WA.

- Ecology can require data from manufacturers.
  - Name and address of manufacturer.
  - Name of the chemical and its CAS number.
  - Description of product or component containing chemical.
  - Description of function of chemical in product.
  - Amount used in product or component, reported in ranges.
  - Estimate of the number of products sold in WA each year.
  - Any other information the manufacturer deems relevant to the appropriate use of the product.
Reducing Toxic Threats (cont.)

Caution!!!!

- This is only proposed Legislation!
- Legislature will start evaluation of this and other legislation early in 2015.
- Final legislation may look very different from what has been proposed.
What You Can Do To Help!

- Support AA and disclosure.
- Send letters of support?
- Testify??
- Other ideas??
That's all Folks!
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