

Memorandum of Agreement Interstate Chemicals Clearinghouse (IC2) Membership

WHEREAS, there is increasing concern by consumers, businesses, and policy makers about the safety of chemicals in consumer products, and

WHEREAS, our ability as state, local, and tribal agencies to assess the hazards and risks posed by the use of toxic chemicals in products and to develop policies to protect the environment and public health from these risks is obstructed by the lack of accessible and transparent information on the chemical content of consumer products, and

WHEREAS, there exists the need for increased access to comprehensive hazard, exposure, and use data on individual and categories of chemicals, and

WHEREAS, green chemistry and engineering provides economic opportunities for safer chemicals through development and assessment of alternatives, and

WHEREAS, a focus on chemical safety will spur a transformation in manufacturing sectors by fostering a green economy, new and safer jobs, and a renewed confidence in consumer products, and

WHEREAS federal action should recognize, preserve, and support the authority of the state, local, and tribal governments to develop innovative cost-effective solutions to address challenges associated with toxics in the environment, including interstate and intergovernmental data sharing, and

WHEREAS, collaboration among local, state, and tribal governments is a proven strategy to cost effectively reduce duplications of effort, enhance efficiency through information sharing and coordination; increase access to high quality information; build capacity; promote consistency in public policy; and promote federal action, and

WHEREAS, timely and preventative actions on toxic chemicals and potentially toxic chemicals are critical to effectively protecting the environment and public health.

THEREFORE, _____
supports the Interstate Chemicals Clearinghouse (IC2) as a partnership of state, local, and tribal governments dedicated to advancing safer chemicals and products for a cleaner environment, healthy communities, and a vital economy. The Clearinghouse supports state, local, and tribal programs by:

- Reducing duplication and enhancing efficiency and effectiveness of initiatives on chemicals by facilitating interstate and inter-governmental collaboration;
- Building capacity to identify and promote safer chemicals and products;
- Ensuring that all levels of government, businesses, and the public have ready access to high quality and authoritative data, information, and assessment methods.

The undersigned state, local, or tribal agency agrees to join the IC2 as a Member and support and participate in IC2 activities:

Print or Type Name of Senior Agency Official Approving Membership in the IC2

Date

Signature

Print, sign, and mail to:

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