



Why Respond to Tribal Chemical Harm When You Can Help Prevent it??



EPA is consulting tribes on how to regulate the use and disposal of four toxic chemicals that are found in products we buy.

Your Voice Matters and Tribal Lifeways Count!

Under the Toxics Substances Control Act, EPA must regulate toxic chemicals if their production, use, or disposal causes unreasonable risk. They have even banned some of the most harmful chemicals to tribes and their lifeways!

Learn about these chemicals at these USEPA Tribal Consultation Information Webinars:

**Asbestos
and
TCEP**

September 16, 2025, 3:00pm-4:30pm ET
September 18, 2025, 3:00-4:30pm ET.

**DINP
and
DIDP**

September 9, 2025, 2:30pm-4:00pm ET
September 11, 2025, 2:00-3:30pm ET.

Following the webinars, the National Tribal Toxics Council will post a template letter for tribal use on <http://TribalToxics.org>



Consultation comments due Dec 8th, 2025



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Do your Tribal members use furniture, cars, insulation, carpets, adhesives, paints or electronics?

Then these Tribal consultations may be important for your Tribe's health and lifeways.

TCEP:

- TCEP is a flame retardant used in paint and other coatings, fabrics, foam seating, and also as a plasticizer in some products; In particular it can be found in:
 - ⇒ Certain children's products with foam padding, such as some crib bumpers, sleep mats, changing table pads, and portable mattresses.
 - ⇒ Some motor vehicles, furniture, building insulation, back-coatings of carpets and upholstery, and electronic and electrical devices.
- At high concentrations in water and sediment of lakes and rivers, TCEP can harm the growth and survival of aquatic organisms, such as fish, frogs, and aquatic plants.
- Short-term exposure to high levels of TCEP can cause neurological, reproductive, and kidney damage. Long-term exposure to TCEP can lead to kidney cancer.

Asbestos:

- Asbestos used in a variety of construction materials for insulation and as fire retardant; also, in roofing shingles, ceiling and floor tiles, paper products, and asbestos cement products, friction products (automobile clutch, brake, and transmission parts), heat-resistant fabrics, packaging, gaskets, and coatings; Attic and wall insulation produced containing vermiculite; Vinyl floor tiles and the backing on vinyl sheet flooring and adhesives; Roofing and siding shingles; Textured paint and patching compounds used on walls and ceilings; Walls and floors around wood-burning stoves protected with asbestos paper, millboard, or cement sheets; Hot water and steam pipes coated with asbestos material or covered with an asbestos blanket or tape; Oil and coal furnaces and door gaskets with asbestos insulation; Heat-resistant fabric; Automobile clutches and brakes
- Health impacts of asbestos—lung disease, much higher chance in people who smoke; lung cancer, lung cancer, mesothelioma, a rare form of cancer that is found in the thin lining of the lung, chest and the abdomen and heart; asbestosis, a serious progressive, long-term, non-cancer disease of the lungs

DIDP and DINP:

- Common chemicals called phthalates and used as plasticizers in polyvinyl chloride (PVC); In building and construction materials; In automotive and fuel products; and in other commercial and consumer products, including adhesives and sealants, paints and coatings, electrical and electronic products, and other plastic and rubber products. Also, in toys, food packaging and personal care items (last two not covered under TSCA).
- Both can cause developmental toxicity and liver damage, DINP is considered more toxic as these effects occur at lower exposure levels in animal studies; potential cancer risk with DINP at higher exposure levels