



Washington State  
DEPARTMENT OF  
ENTERPRISE SERVICES


# PCBs Product Preference Policy

Enterprise Procurement Policy Workshop

## Contracts & Procurement Division

*APRIL 4, 2024*

# TODAY'S AGENDA

Time	Topic
8:00-9:00 AM	Sole Source
9:15-9:45 AM	PCBs 
10:00-10:30 AM	Convenience Contracts
10:45-11:45 AM	Procurement Risk Assessment



# HOUSEKEEPING

- Please use the chat for questions
- Q&A at the end of the presentation
- Workshop is being recorded
- Recording, transcript, and slides will be posted to the DES website



# POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS INTENT



- DES is proposing some changes to improve the current PCBs policy.
- Provide an overview of proposed policy revisions
- DES is seeking feedback on proposed revisions.  
Address –questions

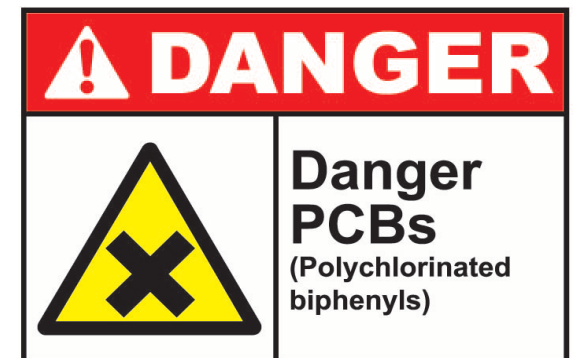
# PCBS POLICY REFRESH – CURRENT STATUS



- DES has obtained feedback from subject matter expert stakeholders.
- DES developed an initial draft revised policy and an additional Frequently Asked Question (FAQ).
- DES wants to share the proposed draft and FAQ with other stakeholders.

# PCBS – WHAT ARE THEY?

- A group of manufactured chemical compounds
- Persistent and long lasting in the environment
- Toxic
- Present everywhere, including air, water, and land



# PCBs – REASONS THEY ARE HARMFUL

- PCBs have toxic effects to the:
  - Immune system
  - Reproductive system
  - Nervous system
  - Endocrine systems
- Accumulate in people and animals



# PCBs – SOURCES

- Manufacturing of PCBs was banned in 1979.
- Today, PCBs enter the environment through:
  - Hazardous waste sites
  - Illegal dumping
  - Leaks in old electrical transformers
  - Burning of waste in incinerators





# INADVERTENT PCBs

**Inadvertent PCBs (iPCBs)**, by-products from manufacturing other products, such as paints and printing inks.



# PCBs – QUICK AUDIENCE SURVEY



- Quick survey: scan QR code or use [link in chat](#) to join



# PCBs POLICY –THE NEED FOR CHANGE

PCBs

## Why change policy?

Testing is expensive

Very few labs test

Difficult for small businesses to test

Current requirements may decrease the number of products tested for PCBs.

# PCBs – PROPOSED CHANGES



PCBs

- ✓ **Alternative option** to PCB testing
- ✓ Promote the use of the **ChemForward iPCB Pigments Resource** which can be used to find alternatives products that do not contain iPCBs
- ✓ To provide a **new verification form** in the policy that allows vendors to verify the use of the iPCB Pigments Resource

# PCBs POLICY – NEW FAQ



New FAQ #4 explains how to use the **ChemForward iPCB Pigments Resource** and verification form.

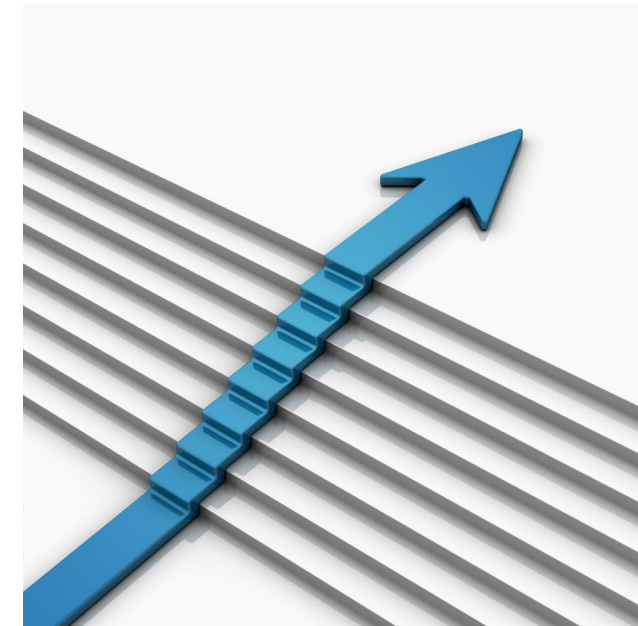


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Pigment Yellow 3	6486-23-3	Yellow	Monoazo	Yes
Pigment Yellow 6	4106-76-7	Yellow	Monoazo	Yes
Pigment Yellow 10	6407-75-6	Yellow	Monoazo	Yes
Pigment Yellow 12	6358-85-6	Yellow	Diarylide	Yes

# NEXT STEPS

- Feedback due **April 25, 2024**
  - Submit feedback: [Feedback Form](#)
- DES next steps:
  - Compile feedback & incorporate revisions to policy/FAQ
  - Revise desk aid, create verification form
- Target effective date: May 2024



# QUESTIONS

# OTHER POLICY PROJECTS

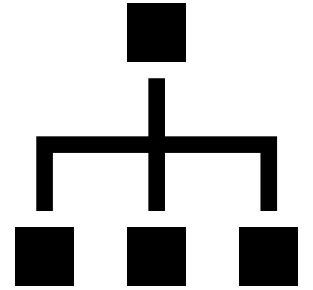


# SUPPLIER DIVERSITY POLICY – HANDBOOK REVISIONS



- The team has proposed one policy change and over 50 revisions to the Handbook, including:
  - New FAQs
  - Clarifications to procedure and glossary
- Currently pending management review and approval
- Upcoming lunch-and-learn and Supplier Diversity Community of Practice meeting to share the approved revisions (date TBA)
- Target completion date: **April 2024**

# CURRENT POLICY PROJECTS



- **Washington Grown Food** - refresh
- **Executive Order 18-03** - refresh
- **Delegation of Authority** – refresh
- **Emergency Purchases** – revisions due to law change
- **Direct Buy Purchases Policy** – refresh upcoming

[Enterprise procurement policy status report](#)

➤ Updated monthly

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