Reducing PCBs in the Environment

Local and statewide programs aim to identify and control sources of PCBs

**Spokane River Regional Toxics Task Force**
- Identify and reduce sources of PCBs
- Data collection, monitoring and source ID
- Community education and outreach

**Green Chemistry/Local source control**
- Ecology provides resources for designing chemicals and processes that are safer, healthier, and more sustainable

**Street sweeping**
- Controls PCBs found in dirt, dust, and other material by reducing loading into stormwater systems

**Stormwater Controls**
- MS4 permits
- City of Spokane Integrated Clean Water Plan

**Cleaning up contaminated sites**
- Ecology’s Toxics Cleanup Program works to remedy land contaminated with dangerous materials
- Four PCB cleanup sites along Spokane River

**Safer Products for WA**
- Identifies printing ink as significant source of PCBs
- Identifies safer alternatives for products that contain PCBs in pigments and dyes

**State purchasing policy**
- Establishes purchasing preference for products and packaging that do not contain PCBs
- Sets PCB restrictions in yellow road paint

**Chemical Action Plan for PCBs**
- Identifies, characterizes, and evaluates uses and releases of PCBs

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