

PCBs

Polychlorinated Biphenyls

What are PCBs?

- ⇒ Located in building materials—PCBs are usually found in schools and other buildings built or renovated between 1950 and 1979.
- ⇒ PCBs are identified as human carcinogens and may cause a variety of non-cancer health effects.
- ⇒ Potential sources on PCBs in buildings include glazing/caulking used around windows, door frames, building joints, masonry building materials and Fluorescent Light Ballasts (FLBs).

Actions for Reducing Exposures to PCBs in Indoor Building Environments



1950 to 1979

EPA believes that there was potentially widespread use of PCB-containing building materials in schools and other buildings built or renovated between about 1950 and 1979.



Recommended Actions

- Remove all PCB-containing Fluorescent Light Ballasts and any PCB-stained fixtures
- Implement best management practices: proper ventilation, cleaning, and hygiene.



Renovation and Repair

Remove other PCB sources (e.g., PCB-containing caulk) during planned renovation and repairs.

Should you have any questions on this summarized information, or other information related to PCBs, please call Safety and Risk Management at (909) 382-4070.