

Help Shape New Program to Manage PCBs during Demolition

New Requirements: The Municipal Regional Permit (MRP) requires Bay Area local agencies to develop a program to keep PCBs from building materials (e.g., caulks/sealants) out of storm drains during building demolition. MRP requirements include:

- Developing methods to identify applicable structures and priority materials before demolition
- Developing protocols to ensure that PCBs are not discharged to the storm drain during demolition of these structures
- Establishing the necessary authority for the protocol via municipal ordinance or other mechanism

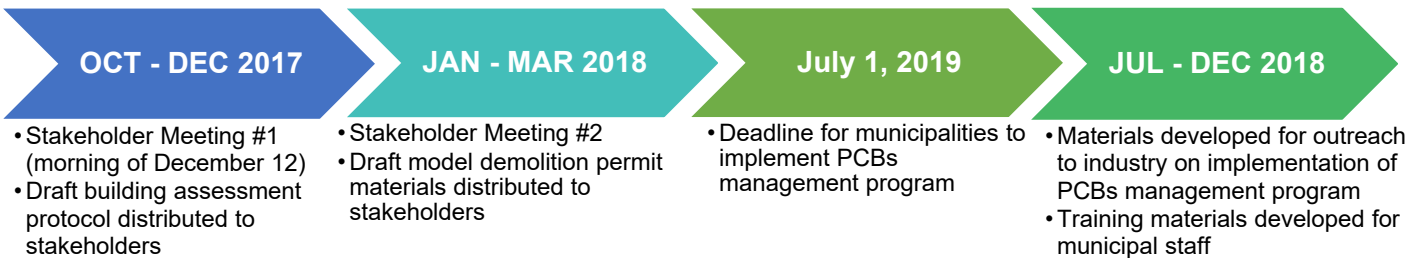


Affected Structures: Commercial, public, institutional, and industrial structures constructed or remodeled between 1950 and 1980 in the MRP area: Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, and Santa Clara and the Cities of Fairfield-Suisun and Vallejo. Single-family homes and wood-frame structures are exempt.

Regional Coordination: The Bay Area Stormwater Management Agencies Association (BASMAA) is assisting Bay Area local agencies to address these stormwater permit requirements and develop local programs to manage PCBs during building demolition. BASMAA is developing guidance and tools, including a pre-demolition protocol for assessing PCBs in buildings, model language for municipal adoption of the new program, and model demolition permit materials. However, municipalities will need to adopt and implement new programs themselves, using the BASMAA guidance and tools.

Why We Need You: As BASMAA develops these tools and guidance, we will be seeking key insights from important stakeholders including real estate developers, construction & demolition contractors, regulators, and others. **It is essential that the municipal perspective, both from staff involved in the building demolition permitting process and those focused on stormwater permit compliance, is clearly heard.**¹ We need you to help us develop the best possible tools and guidance for the new PCBs management program as part of the overall effort by Bay Area municipalities to keep PCBs from entering storm drains, creeks, and the Bay.

Key Points for Stakeholder Involvement:



How to get involved: *your countywide stormwater program manager will contact your municipality regarding upcoming opportunities to participate in project stakeholder meetings and review selected draft project deliverables.*



¹ Please note that municipal and countywide stormwater program representatives are already participating in this project's Steering Committee and Technical Advisory Group and therefore playing a key role in overseeing the project. The upcoming stakeholder meetings are an opportunity for all other interested municipal staff to engage.