

# Environmental Compliance on Brownfield Industrial Demolition Projects

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#### **Hazardous Building Materials Survey**

#### **Typical Sources:**

- n Light Bulbs and Ballasts
- **Switches and Thermostats**
- Batteries
- Signage
- Chillers and Air Conditioners
- **Transformers**
- **Elevators**
- Motors
- n Drums and Containers



#### **Hazardous Building Materials Survey**

#### **Typical Issues:**

- n Lead-Based Paint
- n Asbestos
- n PCBs
- n Mercury
- n Freon/Refrigerants
- n Oils and Lubricants
- n Stored Chemicals
- n Chemical Spills
- n Animal Wastes Birds, Rodents



#### **PCBs in Building Materials**

#### PCBs can be found in:

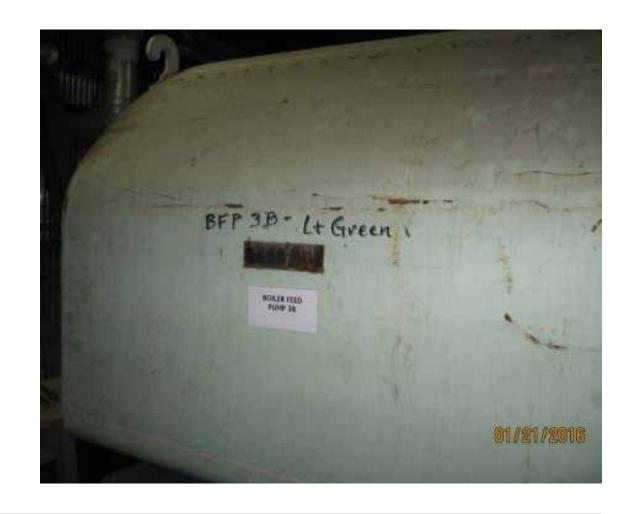
- n Transformers and Electrical Equipment
- n Lube oils
- n Paint (typically "colors" and "locations")
- n Caulk
- n Wire Insulation
- n Other materials, from spills



#### **PCBs in Building Materials**

#### **Categories (federal TSCA):**

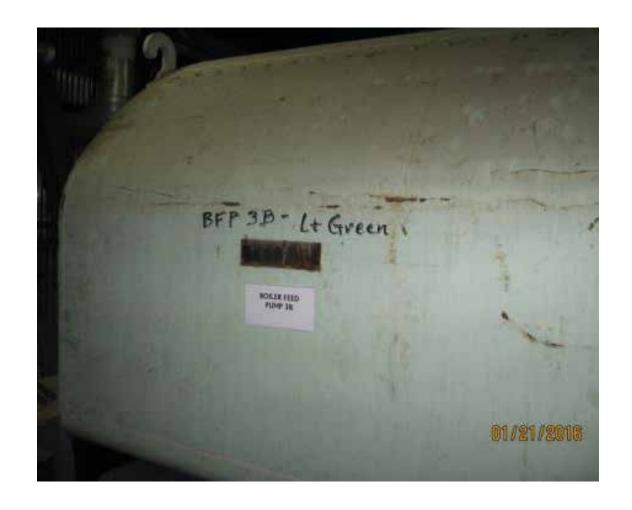
- n PCB Bulk Product Waste
  - n Manufactured Products ≥ 50 mg/kg
  - n (e.g., Paint, Caulk)
- n Excluded Bulk Product
  - n Manufactured Products < 50 mg/kg
- n PCB Remediation Waste
  - n Result of Spills and Releases



#### **PCBs in Building Materials**

## Determining Bulk Product vs Remediation Waste:

- n Process knowledge
- n Sampling strategy
- n PCBs a result of a spill?
- n An ingredient of the material?
- n Need a combination of bulk and wipe samples



#### **PCB Management - Building Impacts**

#### **Regulated Primarily Under TSCA**

- n Very Prescriptive Regulations
- n Interpretations can vary between USEPA Regions
- n Recommend Early Evaluation and Appropriate Regulatory Involvement
- n Recommend Self-Implementing Cleanup Plan



#### **PCB Management - Building Impacts**

#### **Regulated Primarily Under TSCA**

- n Bulk Product is managed as found
- n Excluded Bulk Product can be scrapped
- n Other rules apply to Bulk Product after decontamination



## **PCB Management - Building Impacts**

#### **Examples:**

- n Caulking/Wiring Materials
- n Will building be demolished or restored?
- n Paint on Steel or concrete
- n Will materials be removed?
- n Cost to dispose vs decontaminate/scrap



#### **PCB Management - Spill Impacts**

#### Spill Cleanup: Federal (TSCA) vs State

- n TSCA Soil Remediation
  - n 1 mg, HO/U
  - n Others for Occupancy and Access Conditions
- n ALARBCA
  - n Adopts USEPA RSLs
  - n Most Default RSLs (by Aroclor) <TSCA</p>
  - n Includes protection of GW category
  - n Various regulatory programs



### PCB Case Study No. 1: Power Plant, Region 4

## **Schedule Impact**



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## PCB Case Study No. 2: Chemical Plant, Region 9

## **PCB Project**



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## **PCB Project**



What's Left to Say?

Most requirements involving asbestos in demolition are well-understood . . .





Sen. Tom Udall: EPA proposals on asbestos alarming

#### **Reminders:**

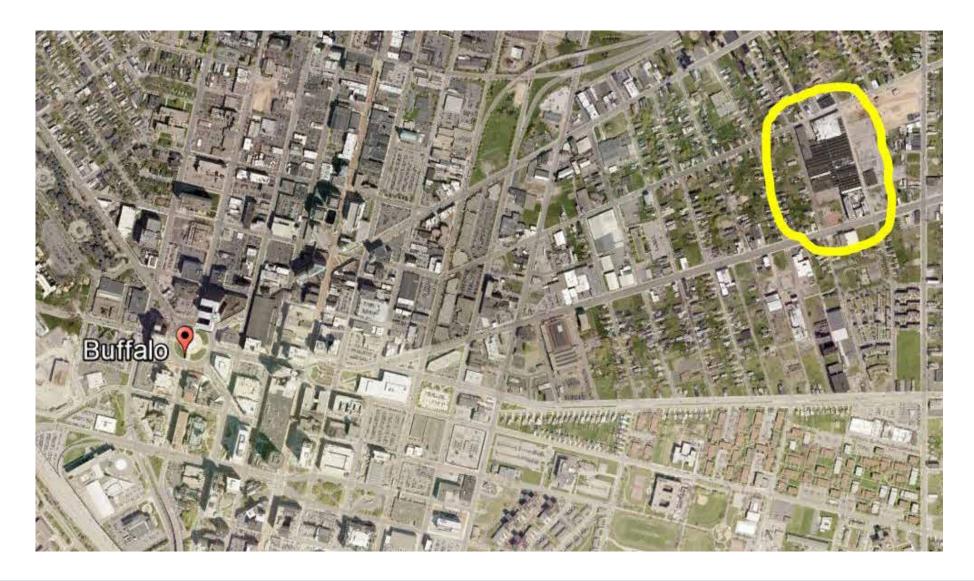
- n Any Structural Demolition or Renovation Requires NESHAP Notification
- No visible emissions are allowed
- n Wet Demolition isn't allowed except in specific circumstances
- n Alabama: State-level accreditation/certifications



#### **Reminders:**

- Asbestos still used in certain building products
  - n Cement sheets and shingles
  - n Millboard
  - n Pipeline wrap
  - n Roofing felt and coatings
  - n Vinyl floor tile
  - n Cement pipe
- n Possible for newer buildings to require abatement prior to demolition













## Thank you



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