

Building Capacity for Alternatives Assessment: State Government Perspective

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Building AA Capacity: State of Oregon's Drivers

- Advancing overarching toxics reduction and pollution prevention strategies
- Recent regulatory actions reference AA directly or indirectly:
 - 2015 Oregon Toxics-Free Kids Act
 - Draft industrial air toxics rules (Cleaner Air Oregon)

Building AA Capacity: How is Oregon Supporting AA Work?

- Small/Mid-Size State Challenge: minimal dedicated resources
- Leveraging interstate resources and information
 - Interstate Chemicals Clearinghouse tools & workgroups
 - West Coast States MOU → common priority chemicals
- EPA P2 grants
 - Sponsoring trainings for agencies and businesses
 - AA research & analysis support (NW Green Chemistry)

Building AA Capacity: Filling Gaps and Sustaining Support

- Incorporate AA principles (and risks of regrettable substitutions) into traditional environmental regulatory programs
- Formalize partnerships around common AA priorities
 - In-state, cross-state and cross-sector
- Build expertise within agencies through training and hiring practices