

# PCBs

## Polychlorinated Biphenyls in buildings and facilities



### What should I do?

Control	
Contaminated runoff or illegal dumping	Do not allow contaminated wash water or dumpster drainage to go down storm drains.
Trash, litter, other waste	Control litter to prevent release of PCBs from inks on packaging and paper products into our streams.
Spills, leaks, or drips	Monitor equipment and storage containers for leaks and spills that may enter the environment.
Inspect	
Electrical or insulation equipment	If equipment was manufactured before 1980, assume PCBs are present. Check with Virginia Department of Environmental Quality or U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for proper disposal.
Worksite storm drains and hazardous waste	Check storm drains to ensure hazardous runoff cannot reach them. Never dump wastewater into storm drains.
Clean up	
Equipment and dirt/debris	Remove debris prior to washing equipment with water. Protect storm drains to prevent pollutants from entering.
Spills, leaks, or drips	Immediately clean up leaks, spills, or drips of chemicals, paints, or oils according to proper disposal guidelines.

### Where are PCBs found?

- Transformers
- Capacitors
- Coolants in electrical equipment
- Lubricants
- Hydraulic fluids
- Old fluorescent light ballasts
- Thermal insulation materials
- Adhesives and tapes
- Caulk
- Roofing materials
- Asphalt
- Pesticides
- Plastics
- Inks in newspaper, magazine, or cardboard products
- Clothing pigments and dyes
- Paints

### What are common names of materials containing PCBs?

PCBs may be labeled as Askarel, Eucarel, Pyranol, Dykanol, Clorphen, Clorinol, Chlorextol, Diaclor, Hyvol, Asbestol, Inerteen, Elemex, Saf-TKuhl, No-Flanol, Nepolin, EEC-18.

### How do I report PCBs?

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Regional PCB Hotline: **215-814-3255**
- The Toxic Substances Control Act  
Hotline: **202-554-1404**  
e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov
- Virginia Department of Environmental Quality:  
**804-698-4000**
- Register PCB containing transformers:  
<https://www.epa.gov/pcbs/registering-transformers-containing-polychlorinated-biphenyls-pcbs>



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