



Use and Storage of PCBs in Prescribed Locations

As of September 5, 2009, the storage of PCBs and products containing PCBs, other than light ballasts, will be prohibited in prescribed locations.

After December 31, 2009, equipment in use on September 5, 2008, can no longer be used if its PCB concentration is 50 mg/kg or more.

Objectives of the *PCB Regulations* and Prescribed Locations

The *PCB Regulations* (SOR/2008-273) came into force on September 5, 2008. The purpose of the regulations is to improve the protection of Canada's environment and the health of Canadians by minimizing the risks posed by the use, storage and release of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and by accelerating the elimination of these substances. Some prescribed locations are subject to different end-of-use and end-of-storage requirements as described below.

Prescribed Locations (subparagraph 16(1)(b)(i))

The regulations list the following prescribed locations where the use of PCBs will be prohibited: childcare facilities, hospitals, senior citizens' care facilities, preschools, primary or secondary schools, drinking water treatment plants, or food or feed processing plants or on the property on which the plant or facility is located, and within 100 metres of these plants or facilities.

End-of-Use and Prohibition Against Storage (sections 16 and 20)

The Regulations prohibit the use, after December 31, 2009, of equipment (see Table 1) that was in use on September 5, 2008, where PCB concentrations are 50 mg/kg or more at prescribed locations.

Table 1

Equipment facing December 31, 2009 deadline at prescribed locations

1. Electrical capacitors, other than light ballasts
2. Electrical transformers and their auxiliary electrical equipment, other than pole-top electrical transformers and their pole-top auxiliary electrical equipment
3. Electromagnets that are not used in the handling of food, feed or any additive to food or feed
4. Heat transfer equipment
5. Hydraulic equipment
6. Vapour diffusion pumps
7. Bridge bearings

The storage of PCBs and products that contain PCBs, other than light ballasts, is also prohibited as of September 5, 2009, at these prescribed locations.

Extension (section 17)

Owners of equipment containing PCBs in concentrations listed above can apply to Environment Canada for an extension to the 2009 end-of-use deadline in two situations. For more information see the fact sheet entitled "Applying for an Extension on 2009 End-of-Use of PCBs." Note that the Regulations do not permit any extension of the deadlines for storing PCBs and products containing PCBs.

Labelling, Reporting and Records Requirements (part 4, sections 29–45)

Owners of equipment in use containing PCBs and owners or operators of a PCB storage site are required to label, submit an annual report and maintain records as described in the fact sheet entitled "PCB Labelling, Reporting and Records."

Other Obligations under the *PCB Regulations*

Persons who own, control or possess PCBs or products containing PCBs have other obligations under the new *PCB Regulations*. To learn more about these obligations, you can refer to other Environment Canada information sheets, or you can consult the Regulations online at the following address: <http://www.ec.gc.ca/ceparegistry/regulations/detailReg.cfm?intReg=105>

For More Information

Fact sheets:

- PCB Labelling, Reporting and Records
- Use and Storage of PCBs in Prescribed Locations
- Applying for an Extension on 2009 End-of-Use of PCBs

PCB website: <http://www.ec.gc.ca/drgd-wrmd/default.asp?lang=En&n=DCB85AFA-1>

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