

Malibu Unites Minimum Requirements

New SMMUSD PCB Plan: Expose Kids to Cancerous PCBs for Up to 15 Years.

Environ submits second plan to the EPA for approval.

Environ's new plan for PCB remediation at Malibu Middle and High Schools was released on July 3, 2014. In this plan, Environ and the Santa Monica Malibu School District (SMMUSD) "propose to manage [PCBs] in place for up to 15 years" with the right to extend. This will continue to expose students and teachers to a chemical that has been classified as a group 1 carcinogen.

Environ submitted an initial plan in April that was rejected by the EPA on the grounds that it did not address TSCA violations for Malibu High. The new proposal does not include plans to investigate the source of PCBs, but instead leave the PCBs in place for 15 years with the right to extend this time.

Malibu Unites proposes the following plan for SMMUSD:

1. To immediately test for PCBs in the caulking and other source material inside buildings (consistent with US EPA letter dated Jan 27th, 2014);
2. To immediately remove of all PCBs found in excess of 50 ppm, as mandated by the Toxic Substance Control Act of 1976 (TSCA); and
3. To use precautionary principles and relocate children from buildings that have violated TSCA into portable classrooms until all PCB sources have been tested and removed.