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-PCA Spring Meeting, Point Clear AL, April 23-25, 2025

-ASSP Conference and Expo, Orlando FL, July 22-24, 2025

-National Safety Council Safety Congress and Expo, Denver CO, September 12-18, 2025

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EPA Bans Most Uses of TCE and PCE – Please check your labs and maintenance shops for these chemicals.

[T]he U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized the latest risk management rules for [trichloroethylene \(TCE\)](#) and [perchloroethylene \(PCE\)](#) under the bipartisan [2016 Toxic Substances Control Act \(TSCA\) amendments](#), marking another major milestone for chemical safety after decades of inadequate protections and serious delays. These protections align with [President Biden’s Cancer Moonshot](#), a whole-of-government approach to end cancer as we know it.

TCE is an extremely toxic chemical known to cause liver cancer, kidney cancer, and non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma. TCE also causes damage to the central nervous system, liver, kidneys, immune system, reproductive organs, and fetal heart defects. These risks are present even at very small concentrations. Under today’s rule, all uses of TCE will be banned over time (with the vast majority of identified risks eliminated within one year), and safer alternatives are readily available for the majority of uses.

PCE is known to cause liver, kidney, brain and testicular cancer, as well as damage to the kidney, liver and immune system, neurotoxicity, and reproductive toxicity. Today’s final rule will better protect people from these risks by banning manufacture, processing and distribution in commerce of PCE for all consumer uses and many commercial uses, while allowing some workplace uses to continue only where robust workplace controls can be implemented.

Read the full article [here](#). (epa.gov, 12/9/2024.)

Reminder: Deadline for Large and Small Quantity Generators to Create e-Manifest Accounts - “EPA is reminding hazardous waste generators about the requirement to register and maintain an account in the RCRAInfo online portal to comply with regulations for e-Manifests, namely the [Third e-Manifest Rule](#) finalized in Summer 2024. The Third e-Manifest Final Rule mandates that, as of the effective date of **January 22, 2025**, large quantity generators and small quantity generators create accounts in the RCRAInfo portal for accessing electronic hazardous waste manifests.” Read the full article [here](#) which includes some useful links. (Lion Technology, Inc., 12/17/2024).

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