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Kaiser Permanente Fast Facts



- 8.6 million members
- 9 states and DC
- 35 hospitals
- 400+ medical office buildings
- 165,000 employees and 14,600 physicians



Our Mission



“Provide high-quality, affordable health care services and to improve the health of our members and the communities we serve.”



Approach



Safe Chemicals



Climate Action



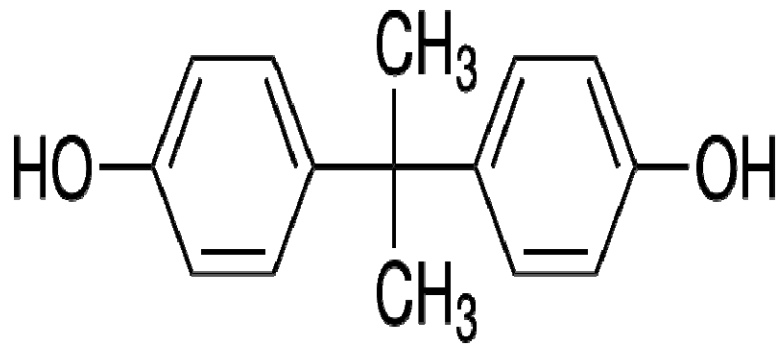
Sustainable Food



Waste Reduction



Successes



Sustainability Scorecard



- **Product Level Disclosure Questions:**
 - Latex
 - Lead, Mercury, Hexavalent chromium, Polybrominated biphenyls, Polybrominated diphenyl ether
 - PVC, DEHP
 - California Proposition 65 chemicals
 - Recycled content and reuse

Top Ten Priority Products



1. IV piggyback, tubing and bags
2. Dialysis tubing
3. High level disinfectants
4. Fixatives
5. Solvents
6. Enzymatic detergents
7. EVS cleaning chemicals
8. Casework
9. Paint
10. Resilient flooring

Challenges



- Time and Resources
- Availability of chemical information
 - chemical ingredients
 - hazards
- Green Washing
- Alternatives
 - safer alternative may not be available
 - alternatives may not have been tested



We Need Mechanisms That Allow Us To Purchase Safe Chemicals



We would benefit from public policy that requires manufacturers to ensure adequate safety testing of chemicals in their products, and make that data available for review.

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