



**TOXICS IN PACKAGING
CLEARINGHOUSE**

Annual Report Summary

Toxics in Packaging Clearinghouse July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

This report highlights the accomplishments of the Toxics in Packaging Clearinghouse (TPCH) from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 (FY16).

TPCH FY16 HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Extensive outreach to companies selling and distributing packaging identified as non-compliant in the 2015 compliance screening project on behalf of member states, resulting in the removal of nearly 100,000 packages containing lead and cadmium from retail stores and product distribution centers in TPCH member states. This outreach also resulted in the redesign of packaging to eliminate the presence of lead and cadmium in packaging subsequently placed on the market by these companies.
- ◆ Outreach to manufacturers and distributors of wine in non-compliant glass bottles, originating in Argentina, through a cooperative relationship with a major purchaser of wine. This outreach was an extension of a compliance screening initiative in FY2015 that explored the country of origin and manufacturing plants of wine bottles that contained lead in violation of state toxics in packaging laws.
- ◆ 21,257 visitors accessed the TPCH website in FY16, an average of 1,771 visitors per month.
- ◆ TPCH received and responded to 48 general inquiries by telephone and email, an average of 4 per month. Inquiries often take multiple emails or phone calls to resolve, and many require extensive discussion by members.
- ◆ Convened a 2-day face-to-face annual membership meeting hosted by the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management in Providence, Rhode Island on October 19 - 20, 2015.