



S.25 Testimony



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Years of inaction



<https://www.nytimes.com> › Well › Live

Many Personal Care Products Contain Harmful Chemicals ...

Feb 15, 2023 — Researchers have found dangerous levels of mercury in skin lightening and anti-aging creams; they've linked chemicals in hair dyes and ...

<https://www.nytimes.com> › cosmetics-safety-makeup

Do You Know What's in Your Cosmetics? - The New York Times

Feb 9, 2019 — Independent researchers have found asbestos in glittery products marketed to young girls; they've linked chemicals in nail polish to serious ...

<https://www.nytimes.com> › 2007/02/15 › fashion

Should You Trust Your Makeup? - The New York Times

Feb 15, 2007 — The chemicals that must be reported to health officials under the California law include lead acetate, found in some hair dyes; formaldehyde, ...

<https://www.nytimes.com> › roomfordebate › 2014/02/07

CVS Should Get Rid of Toxic Cosmetics - NYTimes.com

Feb 7, 2014 — This should include chemicals linked to cancer such as formaldehyde found in shampoos and body wash; coal tar, lead acetate, hydroquinone and ...

<https://www.nytimes.com> › fashion › thursdaystyles › sho...

Should You Worry About the Chemicals in Your Makeup?

Jul 7, 2005 — The Food and Drug Administration has found no risk from using **makeup** containing phthalates, a spokeswoman said. Not surprisingly, the **cosmetics** ...

No Federal Oversight

Cosmetics:

- *No FDA requirement for safety testing*
- *No FDA approval process for cosmetics*
- *States are in the lead*



No oversight for an \$84 billion industry.

US is falling behind



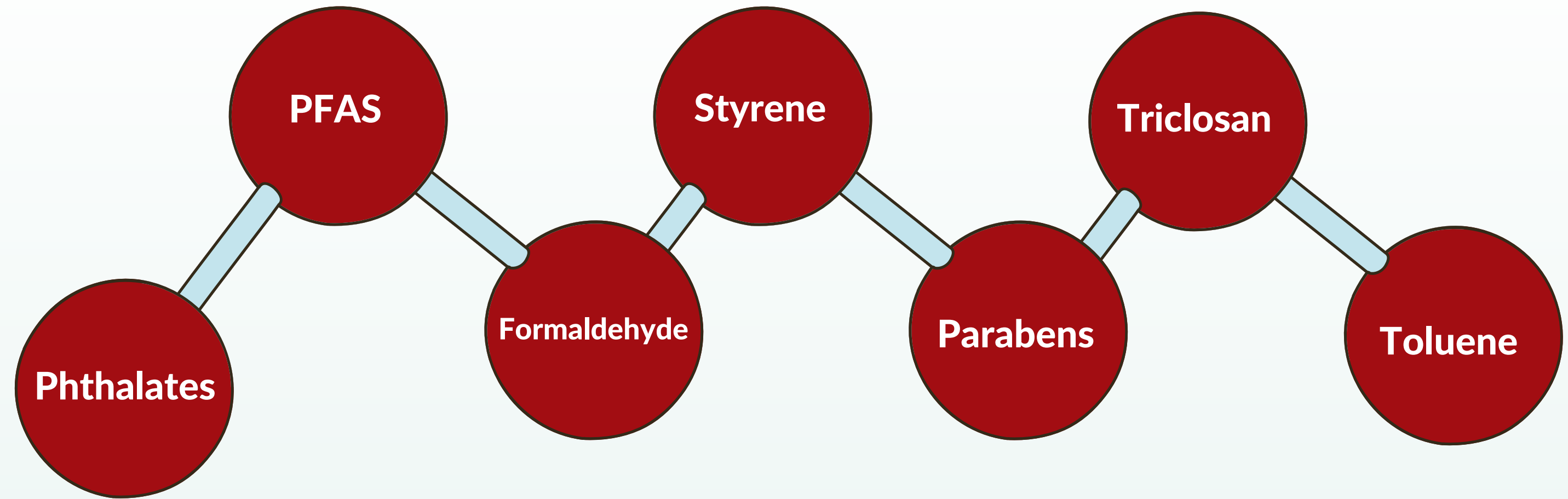
The EU bans nearly **2,500 chemicals** in cosmetics



Canada bans **over 500**, and restricts many more

The FDA only bans 11.

10,000+ Chemicals



Banned by EU or CAN?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Action taken in VT?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Banned by retailers?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
EWG Score	Up to 10	Up to 10	10	10	Up to 10	8	10

PFAS



Forever chemicals recently **banned in VT** in *some* consumer products

Unlabeled PFAS found in ***roughly half*** of foundations, lip products, and mascara



Phthalates

Phthalates are highly toxic to reproductive systems

The New York Times

What Are Sperm Telling Us?

Scientists are concerned by falling sperm counts and declining egg quality. Endocrine-disrupting chemicals may be the problem.

Feb. 20, 2021



Fragrance chemicals are toxic, with no disclosure requirement



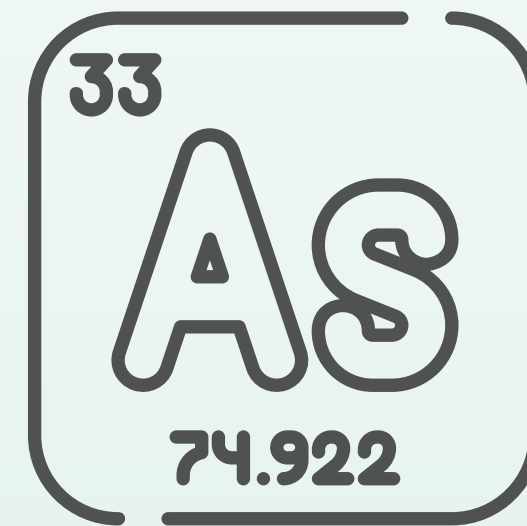
Heavy Metals



- Highly toxic, and often unintentionally added

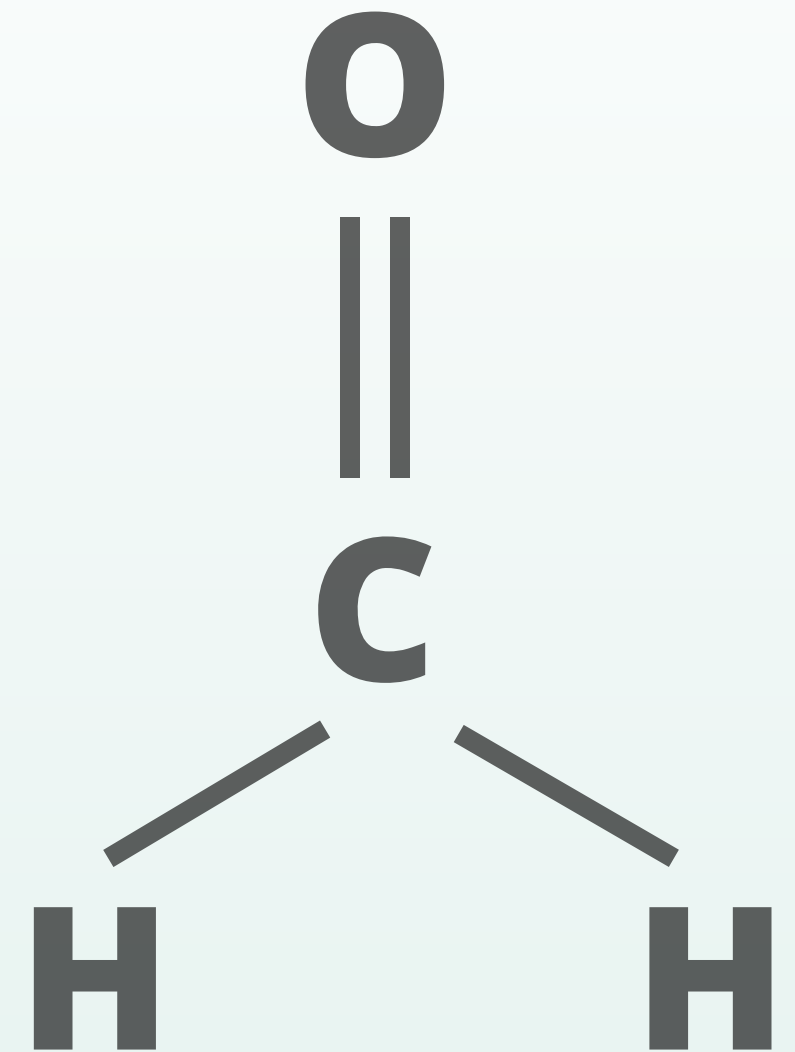


- Found in sunscreen, foundation, nail polish, lipstick, whitening toothpaste and more



Formaldehyde

- Found in 26 out of 30 body lotions tested
- Found in nail polish, body wash, hair products, makeup
- **Known carcinogen**



Market Trends and State Laws



Many major retailers ban or restrict these chemicals in products, while others continue to sell them



CA and MD enacted laws banning **24 chemicals** in cosmetics

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Is skin care the next big business for Vermont?

Dan D'Ambrosio, Free Press Staff Writer

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Readily Available Product Alternatives



HOW TO
Apply a dime-sized dab to clean, dry skin. Massage gently 'til fully absorbed. Finally, take a moment to bask in the glow.

No petrochemicals, sulfates, parabens, synthetic fragrance or other suspect chemicals.

Certified B Corporation
PLASTIC NEGATIVE PRODUCT
MADE IN THE USA



INGREDIENTS: Sodium Palmate, Sodium Palm Kernelate, Water, Pumice, Butyrospermum Parkii (Shea Butter), Cocos Nucifera (Coconut Oil), Citrus Grandis (Grapefruit) Peel Oil, Eucalyptus Globulus (Eucalyptus) Leaf Oil, Rosmarinus Officinalis (Rosemary) Leaf Oil, Sodium Chloride, Sodium Gluconate, Simmondsia Chinensis (Jojoba) Seed Powder, Helianthus Annuus (Sunflower) Seed Oil, Aloe Barbadensis Leaf Juice, Maltodextrin, Crithmum Maritimum (Sea Purslane) Leaf Extract, Salix Alba (Willow) Bark Extract, Salix Alba (Willow) Leaf Extract.

No petrochemicals, sulfates, parabens, synthetic fragrance or other suspect chemicals.



100% Vegetarian ingredients
No gluten, animal testing, artificial colors, synthetic fragrances, parabens, phthalates or harmful sulfates.



Justice

Vermonters of color are exposed to these toxins more frequently.



Toxic products like hair dyes, relaxers/straighteners and skin lighteners are **heavily marketed towards femme/women POC**

Formaldehyde in hair straightening products linked to **higher cancer rates in Black women.**



Thank You!

Questions?



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