#### **Status of Flame Retardants**

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### Agenda

NAFRA background
Uses of FRs in Aircraft
Status of DecaBDE

✓ Alternative products





#### North American Flame Retardant Alliance (NAFRA)

- Aims to be the voice of the flame retardant industry in North America
  - all FR technologies - organic chemicals based on bromine, phosphorus, nitrogen and inorganic compounds
  - seeks to educate manufacturers, consumers, legislators and regulators on the safe use of FRs
  - addresses state and federal legislative and regulatory challenges
  - develop the scientific record evaluating flame retardant efficacy and safety
  - new tools Science Advisory Council, standards tracking and advocacy, communications



## **NAFRA Membership**



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- Current NAFRA members produce all major types of FR solutions - phosphorus, nitrogen, bromine and inorganic compounds
- Members constantly innovating to achieve better performance while improving environmental footprint



## FR Use in Aircraft

- Wide variety of unique uses in commercial aircraft applications
  - Wiring and cable
  - Electrical/electronic equipment
  - Textile backing

American

North American Flame Retardant Alliance

- Reinforced plastics
- Lengthy qualification & certification process



#### DecaBDE

- US EPA phase-out initiative announced in 2009
  - 2012 for most applications
  - 2013 for transportation and military applications
- Limited imports in 2013





#### **DecaBDE Regulatory Status**

- International
  - Review under the Stockholm Convention
- Europe
  - Registered under REACH in 2010
  - Listed as candidate SVHC in 2012
  - Restriction proposal intention filed in 2013
- US
  - Significant new use restriction (SNUR) proposed in April 2012









#### **EPA SNUR Proposal**

- Would apply to -
  - Any use after December 31, 2013
  - Articles containing DecaBDE
- Would require -
  - 90-day notification
  - Significant testing requirements
- Timing is uncertain
  - Transportation applications
  - Replacement parts





#### **EPA Design for the Environment**

- DecaBDE alternatives assessment
  - Released in Jan 2014
- Looks at 29 potential alternatives in 5 classes
  - Halogenated
  - Polymeric brominated
  - Phosphorus & nitrogen
  - Polymeric P & N
  - Inorganic

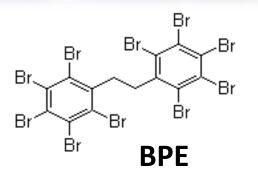


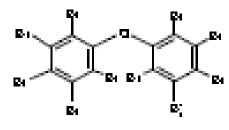


#### DfE Summary – DecaBDE Alternatives

Work			Health Effects										Aquati	Aquatic Toxicity Env Fate		
Plan		CAS No.	Acute	Carc	Genotox	Repro	Develop	1	Ren Dose	Skin Sens	Eve Irrit	Dermal	Acute	Chronic	Persist	Bioaccum
Haloge	nated															
	DecaBDE	1163-19-5	L	М	м	м	н	L	М	L	L	L	L	L	VH	н
	Bis(hexachlorocyclopentadieno) cyclood			M	М	VL	VL	L	M	L	VL	L	L	L	VH	н
	Brominated poly(phenylether)	-	L	L	L	VL	М	L	L	L	L	VL	L	L	VH	н
x	Decabromodiphenyl ethane (DBDPE)	84852-53-9	L	м	L	L	н	L	L	L	VL	VL	L	L	VH	н
	Ethylene bis-tetrabromophthalimide	32588-76-4	L	М	L	L	М	L	L	L	VL	VL	L	L	VH	н
	TBBPA bis (2,3-dibromopropyl) ether	21850-44-2	L	М	М	М	М	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	VH	н
	Tris(tribromoneopentyl) phosphate	19186-97-1	М	М	L	М	М	н	L	L	L	L	L	L	н	М
X	Tris(tribromophenoxy) triazine	25713-60-4	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	VL	L	L	VH	н
Polym	eric Halogenated															
	Brominated epoxy polymers	68928-70-1	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	VH	L
	Brominated epoxy polymers	-	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	VH	L
	Brominated epoxy resin/tribromopheno	135229-48-0	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	VL	L	L	VH	L
	Brominated polyacrylate	59447-57-3	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	VH	L
	Brominated polystyrene	88497-56-7	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	VH	L
PFR &	NFR				_	-		_		_		_	_			
	Substituted amine phosphate	-	н	M	М	М	М	L	М	L	М	VL	М	L	н	L
	TPP	115-86-6	L	М	L	L	L	L	н	L	L	VL	VH	VH	L	M
Polym	eric PFR & NFR													_		
		181028-79-5		М	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	н	н
	Melamine cyanurate	37640-57-6	L	М	М	М	L	н	L	L	L	L	L	L	VH	L
	Melamine polyphosphate	15541-60-3	L	М	М	L	L	М	L	L	VL	L	L	L	н	L
	N-alkoxy hindered amine	191680-81-6	L	М	L	н	L	н	L	L	VL	н	н	н	н	н
	Phosphonate oligomer	68664-06-2	L	М	L	L	L	М	L	L	М	М	L	н	VH	н
	Polyphosphonate	68664-06-2	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	VH	L
		003300-73-9		М	L	L	L	L	L	L	VL	VL	н	н	н	М
	Poly[phosphonate-co-carbonate]	77226-90-5		L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	VH	L
		125997-21-9	L	М	L	L	М	М	М	L	L	VL	VH	VH	М	н
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L		225789-38-8	L	L	L	VL	M	М	М	L	L	VL	М	М	н	L
	Aluminum hydroxide	21645-51-2	L	L	L	L	L	M	M	L	VL	VL	M	M	н	L
L	Ammonium polyphosphate	68333-79-9	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	VL	L	L	L	VH	L
	ATO	1309-64-4	L	M	M	M	L	L	Н	L	L	M	Н	M	н	L
	Magnesium hydroxide	1309-42-8		L	L	L	L	L	L	L	M	L	L	L	н	L
	Red phosphorus	7723-14-0		L	М	L	L	L	L	L	M	M	L	L	н	L
	Zinc borate	1332-07-6	L	L	н	М	М	H	L	L	L	L	н	н	н	L

#### Decabromodiphenyl Ethane (DBDPE or BPE)





DecaBDE

- Similar structure to DecaBDE
  - Similar applicability
  - Basis for much of environmental fate concern
- Environmental fate analysis planned
  - Under ECHA CoRAP process



#### **Polymeric FRs**

- Large-sized molecules
  - lowers the potential for biological activity
  - may increase stability of material
- Polymers generally exempt from EPA premanufacture (PMN) review
  - Halogenated polymers are subject to PMN



### **Additional Information**

- <u>www.albemarle.com</u> Albemarle Corporation
- <u>www.greatlakes.com</u> Great Lakes Solutions
- <u>http://icl-ip.com</u> ICL Industrial Products
- <u>http://flameretardants.americanchemistry.com/</u>
- http://www.frfacts.com/



# Questions?

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