Policy

No products that contain chemicals associated with causing cancer shall be purchased by the County unless all regulations and laws applicable to its use are met.

Legislatively Identified Carcinogenic Chemicals

Title 8, California Administrative Code, Section 5209; Carcinogens Regulations, prohibits the use of carcinogens, unless its use is in a regulated area. A regulated area shall be restricted and controlled from entry and exit by unauthorized/untrained personnel.

Approving Authority

Departments shall obtain the approval of the Department of Human Resources, Environmental Health and Safety Programs (EHSP) for products containing carcinogenic agents prior to submission of the requisition to the Purchasing Agent. EHSP is located at 3333 Wilshire Blvd., 10th floor, Los Angeles, CA 90010. Contact Doug Iwanaga, telephone 213-738-2150, fax 213-637-0822.

Bid Solicitations

The Purchasing Agent will ensure that solicitations include applicable clauses to require the bidders to disclose their product information with regards to cancer causing agents. The following is a partial listing of commodities that may contain carcinogenic agents:

- Agricultural chemicals
- Chemicals and disinfectants
- Cleaners and detergents
- Diagnostic reagents
- Paint, thinner, remover
- Petroleum products
- Photocopy solutions
- Photographic solutions
- Protective coatings
- Water treatment chemicals
- X-ray solutions

Chemical Carcinogens (partial listing)

- 2-Acetylaminofluorene
- 4-Aminodiphenyl
- Benzidine (and its salts)
- 3, 3'-Dichlorobenzidine (and its salts)
- 4-Dimethylaminoazobenzene
- alpha-Naphthylamine
- beta-Naphthylamine
• 4-Nitrobiophenyl
• N-Nitrosodimethylamine
• beta-Propiolactone
• Bis-Chloromethyl ether
• Methyl Chloromethyl ether
• 4, 4’-Methylene bis(2-chloroaniline)
• Ethyleneimine
• Benzene
• Hexavalent chromium compounds
• Nickle compounds
• Inorganic arsenic compounds
• Aflatoxin B
• Polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons
• Auramine
• Dimethyl sulfate
• Nitrosamines
• O-tolidine