Toxic Chemicals and Safer Alternatives--A Survey of Business Needs and Interests, 2015

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- **Recurrent Hazardous Waste Generated**
  - 210 million pounds in 2000
  - Decline to 122 million pounds in 2014

- **Recurrent Hazardous Waste Recycled**
  - 34 million pounds in 2000
  - Increase to 29 million pounds in 2014

*Shaded area indicates when the Beyond Waste Plan was adopted.*
How many business have some likelihood of trying to find a safer alternative or are already working on it?

94%
How many businesses had at least some concern about working with Ecology?

58%
How valuable is advice from each of the following sources?

Trade association: 81%
Peers: 91%
What factors motivate businesses to find safer alternatives?

Safety of workers: 99.7%
Safety of community: 99.7%
What barriers prevent you from finding safer alternatives?

Cost of the safer alternative itself: 87%
Cost of implementing the alternative: 87%
Quality concerns: 89%
Customer preference: 81%
My questions for you:

• How do these results agree with your beliefs? Or not?
• What advice do you have for us?
• Do you want these services or to learn more about the survey?

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