



Stormwater Pollutant Factsheet

Pentachlorophenol

Pentachlorophenol, also known as PCP or “penta,” is a manufactured chemical which was previously widely used as a pesticide. It is now restricted substance only used as an industrial wood preservative.

Potential Sources of Pentachlorophenol

- ◆ Treated wood, such as:
 - ▶ Old utility poles
 - ▶ Fender pilings
 - ▶ Landscaping timbers
 - ▶ Fences
 - ▶ Cribbing underneath docks or foundations

Best Management Practices

- ▶ Properly dispose of treated wood.
- ▶ Use treated wood only in areas that drain to soil (rather than surface water).
- ▶ Collect dust or debris released by treated wood material.