

Timeline of Toxics Links work on the lead issue

Year	Activities
2007	A Brush with Toxics - An investigation into lead in household paints in India, report published
2008	To investigate the problem globally, Toxics Link and IPEN partnered together in 2008 to test paints for lead in local markets in countries across Africa, Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe. The results confirmed that lead in paints is still being produced and sold, exposing children and communities to this toxic substance.
2008	In parallel, the international community has taken action to build on this NGO initiative. Toxics Link as a member of IPEN proposed a Global Partnership to eliminate lead from paint to Forum VI of the Intergovernmental Forum on Chemical Safety (IFCS) in September 2008. IFCS, through a resolution passed at Forum VI, and the SAICM Emerging Issues Policy process, has endorsed this NGO initiative. Moreover, this issue is one of the four SAICM Emerging Issues set for discussion and cooperative action at ICCM2.
2009	Lead in New Decorative Paints – A Global Study, report published
2009	The study was first released at the ICCM2 in Geneva in May 2009, and helped in informing the delegates to adopt a resolution to form a Global Partnership under the auspices of UNEP and WHO to eliminate lead from paints by 2020. It is an ambitious but achievable goal.
2009	65% Enamel Decorative Paint shifted for Lead Safe Paint production
2009	A poster published for awareness purpose
2010	Toxic Trinkets-An Investigation of Lead in Children’s Jewellery in India, report published
2011	Double Standard-Investigating Lead (Pb) Content In Leading Enamel Paint Brands In South Asia, report published
2011	12 th October 2011. The Consumer Affairs Authority has been published the standards for lead in Paints as a responding to the Fundamental Rights application filed by the Centre for Environmental Justice (CEJ) in the Supreme Court , Sri Lanka, on 14 th February 2011 seeking the Consumer Affairs Authority and others to formulate suitable regulations to compel the manufacturers and distributors to comply with the international standards relating to the

	presence of Lead in paints considering the serious health impacts caused by adding lead to decorative paints.
2012	Toxics Link is a part of IPEN SWITCH Asia Project
2013	Toxics Link, in partnership with Centre for Occupational and Environmental Health, Maulana Azad Medical College, Delhi and the Lata Medical Research Foundation, Nagpur is organizing a two-day South East Asia Regional Conference on Lead Poisoning on 24-25 October 2013. The conference is being co-sponsored by the World Health Organization. The conference will be held to coincide with the first International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week of Action.
2013	Preliminary stakeholder meetings
2013	National Report - Lead in India's Enamel Household Paints, report published
2013	Bureau of Indian Standard revise lead in paint voluntary standards to 90 ppm
2013	Third Party Certification Scheme developed by Quality Council of India
2013	Boucher published for awareness purpose
2013	School awareness programs
2014	Petition to Ministry of Environment and Forest and Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Government of India for Mandatory Standards to Eliminate Lead from Paints in India
2014	Toxics Link is a part of technical committee on National Consultative on the Management of Lead Toxicity (by Sir Gangaram Hospital)
2014	Stakeholders Meeting on Lead Safe Paints in India
2014	Regional Meeting on Lead Paint Elimination at Hyderabad
2014	Radio jingle for mass awareness and small awareness movie (http://toxicslink.org/?q=media-lead-paint)
2014	School awareness programs
2015	Meeting with Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change for Mandatory standards for

	Lead in Paint.
2015	Letter to Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change regarding Mandatory standards for Lead in Paint.
2015	Regional Meeting on Lead Paint Elimination at Orissa
2015	Regional Meeting on Lead Paint Elimination at Ahmadabad, Gujarat
2015	Regional Meeting on Lead Paint Elimination at Mumbai, Maharashtra
2015	Regional Meeting on Lead Paint Elimination at Jaipur, Rajasthan