

# Wood Preservation Sector Strategic Options Process Update

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# Summary

- Environment Canada has been working to reduce the impacts of CEPA Toxic substances used by the Wood Preservation Sector since 1999 through a process referred to as the Wood Preservation Sector Strategic Options Process (SOP).



# CEPA-toxic Substances

| CEPA Toxic Substance   | Wood Preservative   |
|--|---|
| Chromium VI<br>Inorganic arsenic compounds   | Chromated Copper Arsenate (CCA)<br>Ammoniacal Copper Zinc Arsenate (ACZA) |
| Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs),<br>Creosote-impregnated waste materials                               | Creosote  |
| Polychlorinated dibenzodioxins (Dioxins)<br>Polychlorinated dibenzofurans (Furans),<br>Hexachlorobenzene (HCB) | Pentachlorophenol (PCP)   |

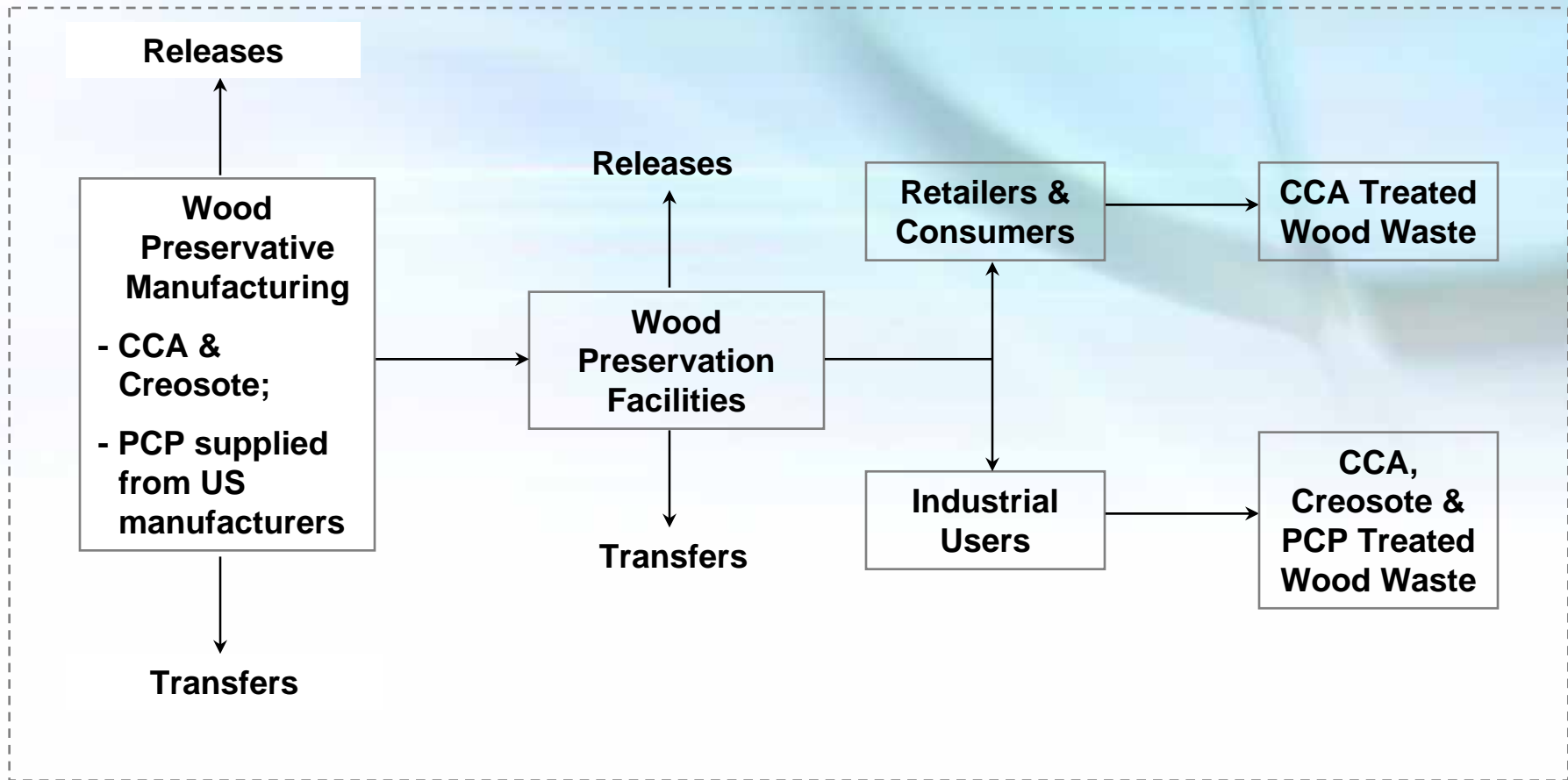


# Summary

- Environment Canada has been working to reduce the impacts of CEPA Toxic substances used by the Wood Preservation Sector since 1999 through a process referred to as the Wood Preservation Sector Strategic Options Process (SOP).
- Risk management efforts associated with the sector include all phases in the life-cycle of treated wood; i.e. chemical production, treatment of wood, use of treated wood, and final disposal.



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# Wood Preservation Strategic Options Process (SOP)

- SOP initiated December 1994 with Extensive Consultations
- July 1999 Consultation Report
- 25 Recommendations
  - General (PMRA and provinces)
  - Wood preservative manufacturing
  - Wood preservation facilities
  - Treated wood use (industrial & consumer-based)
  - Management of treated wood waste

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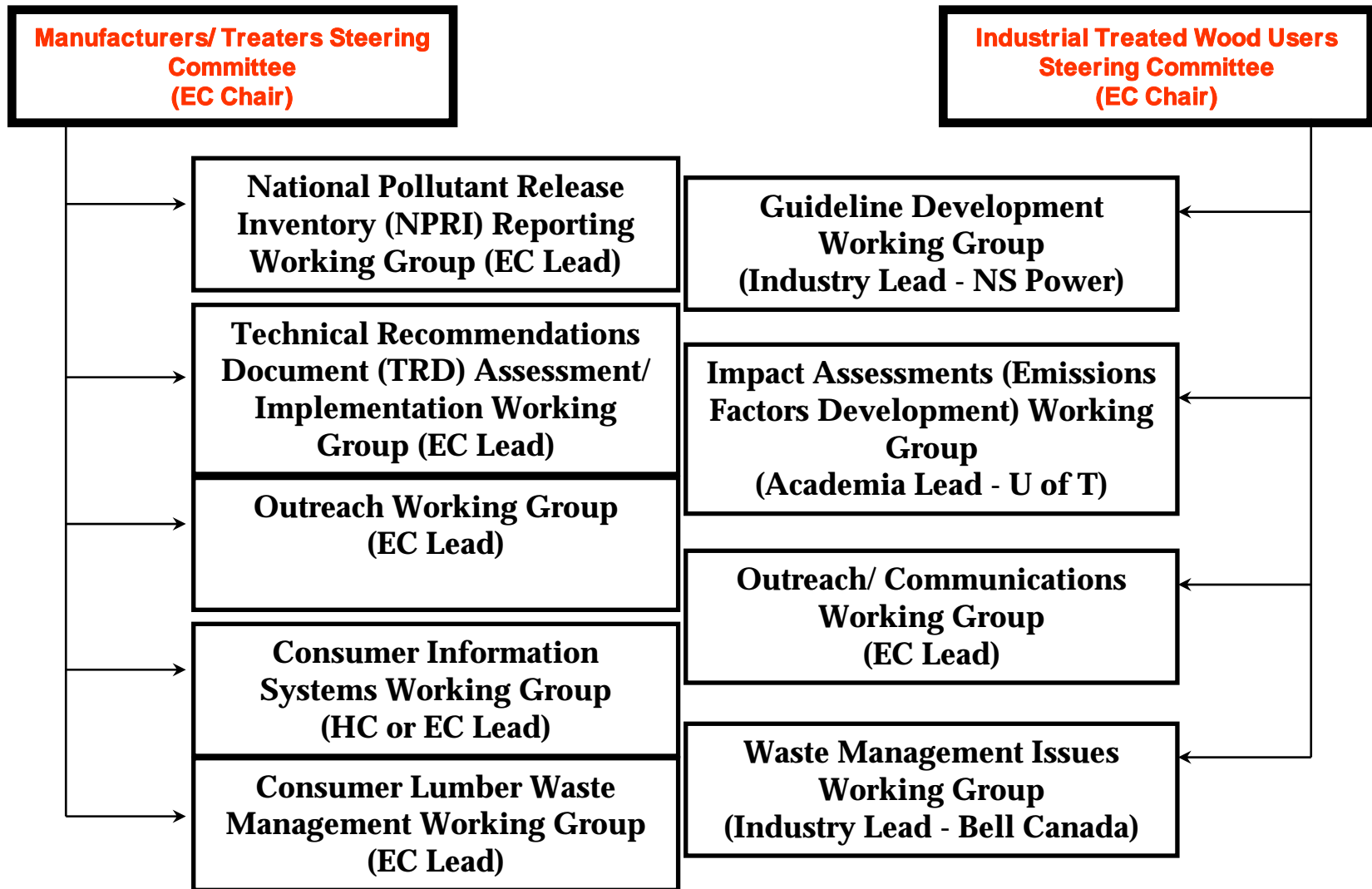
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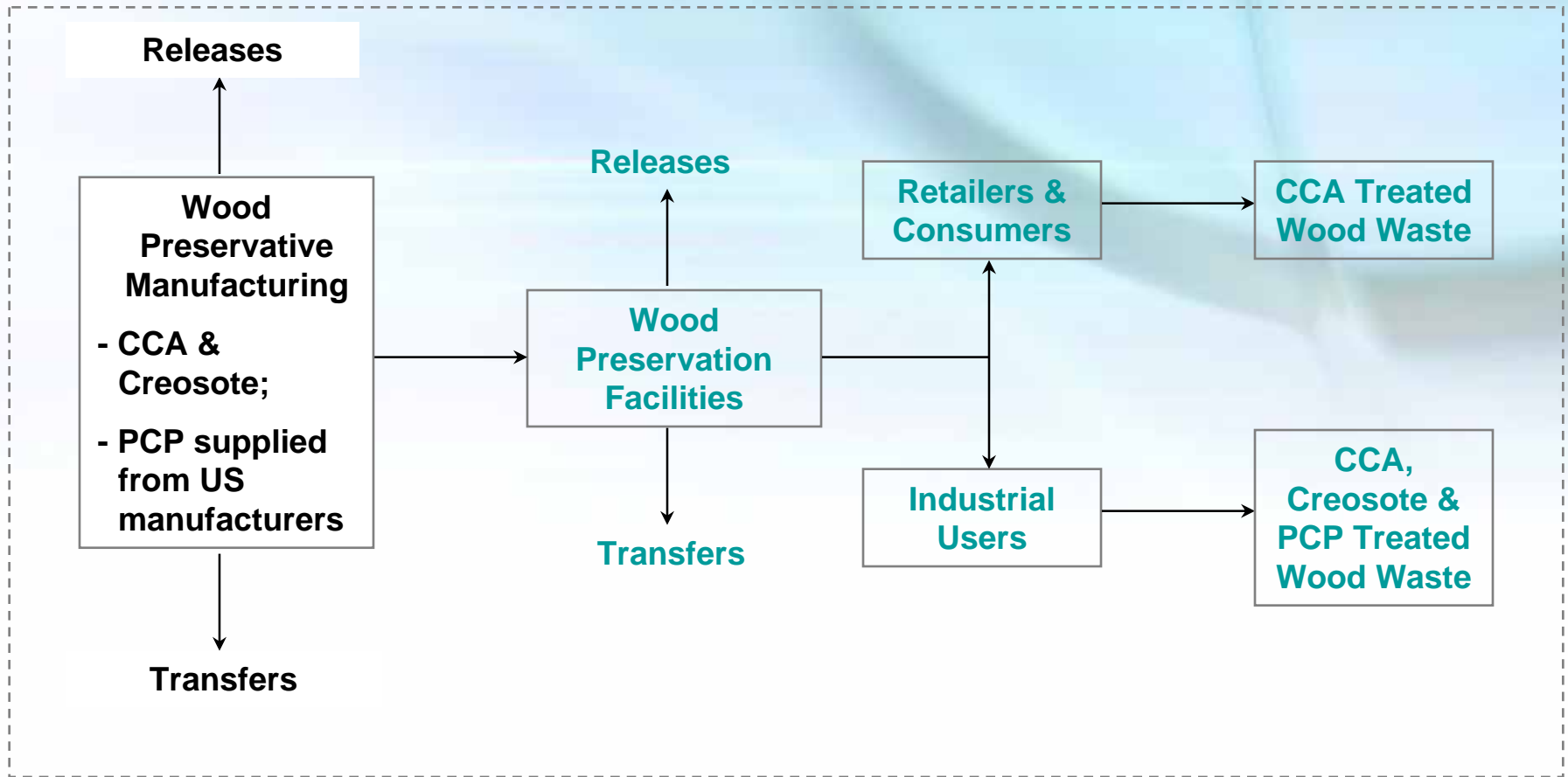
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# Implementing the Recommendations



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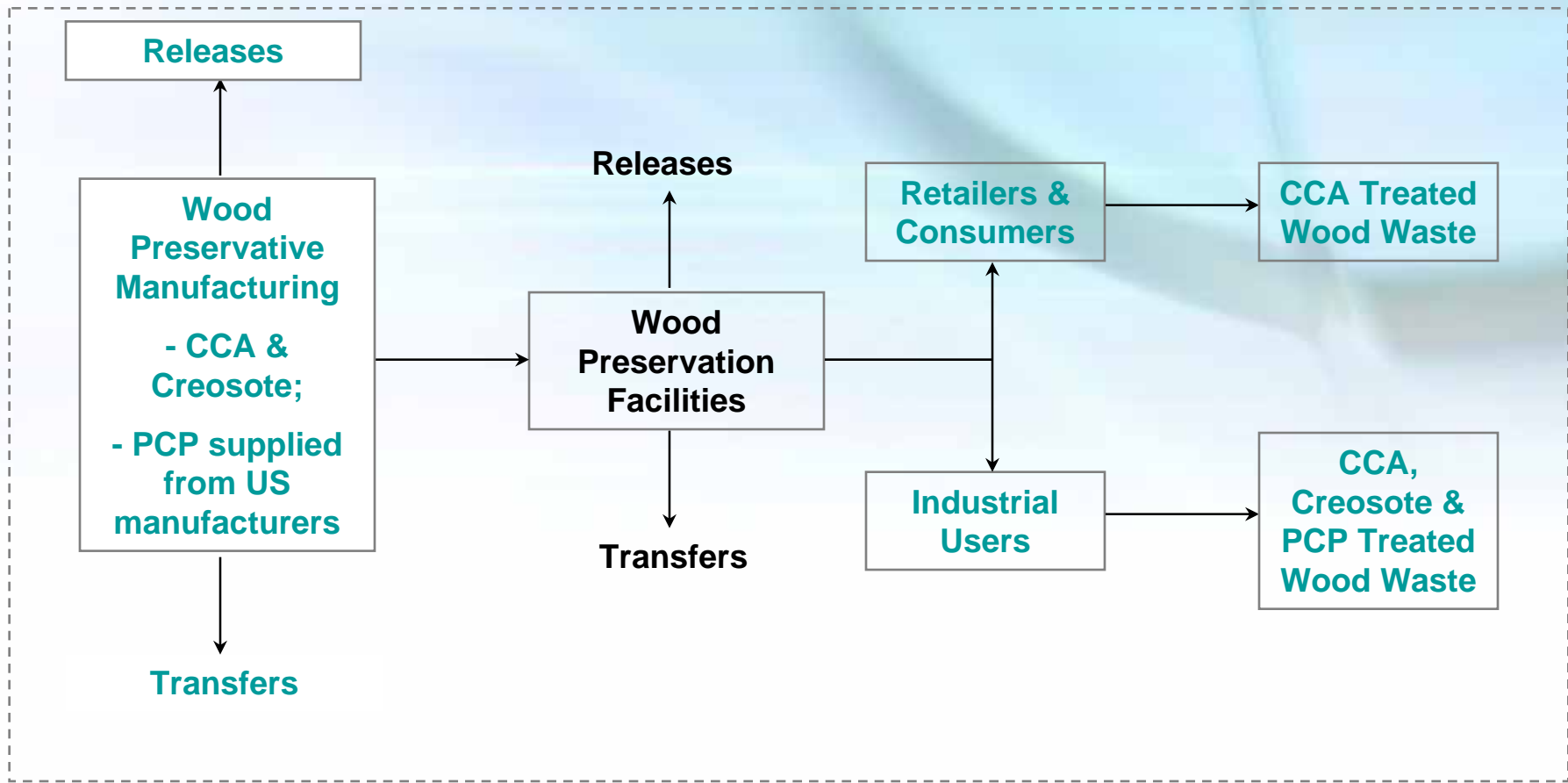


# Preservative Manufacturers

- Already covered by other regulatory mechanisms; i.e. NPRI, provincial licensing, etc.
- No significant new actions.
- Manufacturers have been very supportive in SOP process working with treaters and retailers.



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Streaming ||||| 100%

Eye alt 986.31 km

# Wood Treatment Facilities

- Implementation of TRDs.
- Initiated in 2000 with Assessment 2000.
- Implementation plans submitted by Dec. 31, 2001.
- Annual Reporting by Dec. 31 of every year.
- Random Audits every year.
- Deadline to comply – Dec. 31, 2005.
- Final Audits now completed.
- Wood Preservation Canada Certification Program continuing program.

# Wood Treating Plants in Canada

| Region in Canada                         | No. of Plants<br>2000 | No. of Plants<br>2006 |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Atlantic Region (NS, NB, NF)             | 5                     | 4                     |
| Quebec Region (QC)                       | 12                    | 10                    |
| Ontario Region (ON)                      | <b>18</b>             | <b>13</b>             |
| Prairie and Northern Region (AB, SK, MB) | 17                    | 15                    |
| Pacific and Yukon Region (BC)            | 16                    | 15                    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                             | <b>68</b>             | <b>57</b>             |

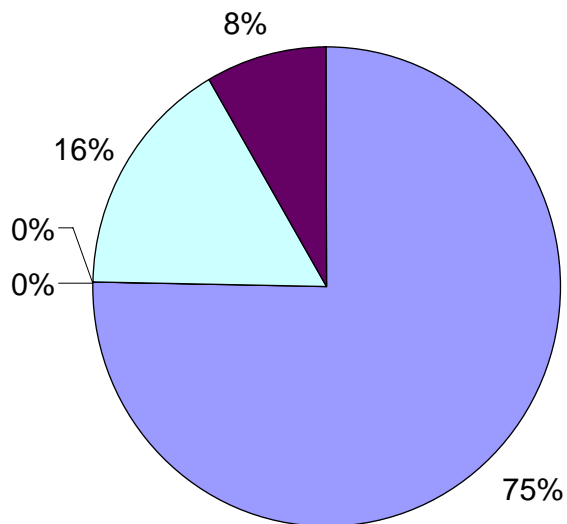
- 10 facilities have closed (15%)
- 2 mothballed (3%)

# Preservative Use in Canada

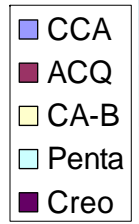
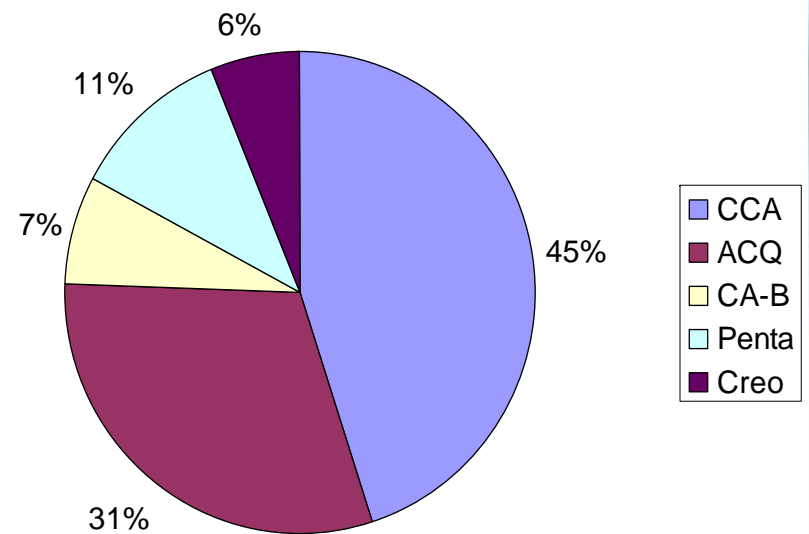
| Preservative  | Cylinders  |             |            |             | Facilities |             |           |             |
|---------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
|               | 2000       |             | 2006       |             | 2000       |             | 2006      |             |
| CCA           | 105        | 80%         | 54         | 38%         | 64         | 75%         | 44        | 45%         |
| ACQ           | 0          | 0%          | 51         | 36%         | 0          | 0%          | 30        | 31%         |
| CA-B          | 0          | 0%          | 10         | 7%          | 0          | 0%          | 7         | 7%          |
| Penta         | 16         | 12%         | 16         | 11%         | 14         | 16%         | 11        | 11%         |
| Creo          | 11         | 8%          | 10         | 7%          | 7          | 8%          | 6         | 6%          |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>132</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>141</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>85</b>  | <b>100%</b> | <b>98</b> | <b>100%</b> |

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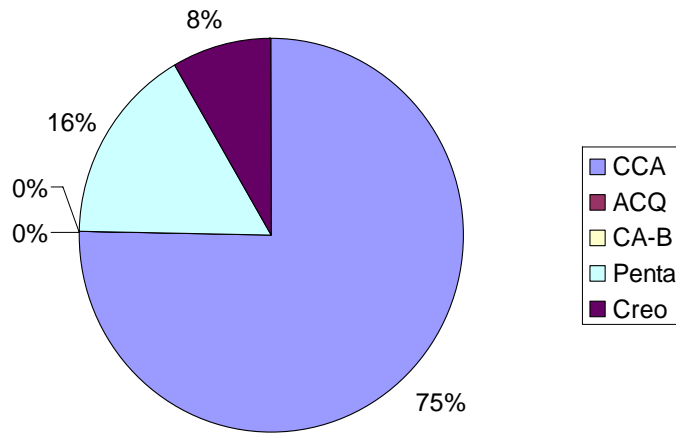
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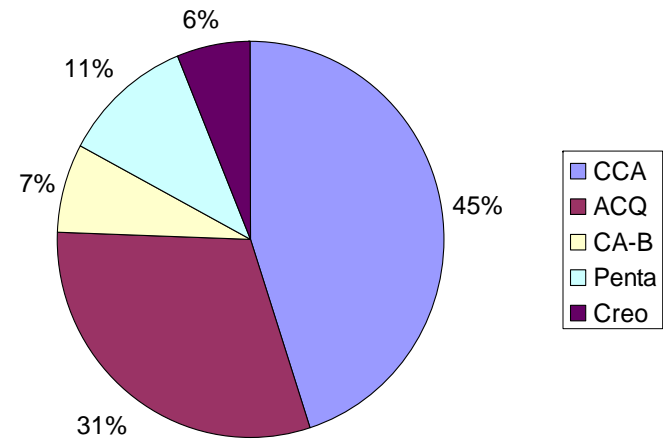
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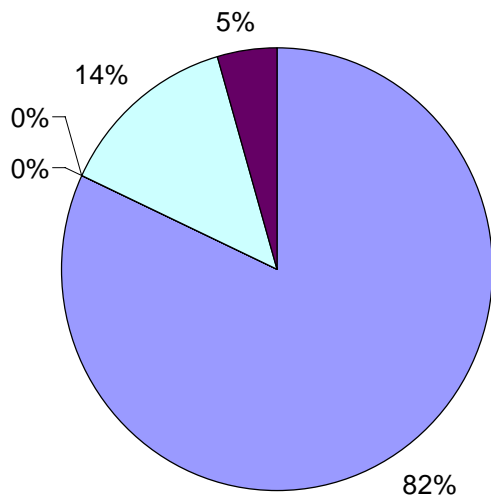
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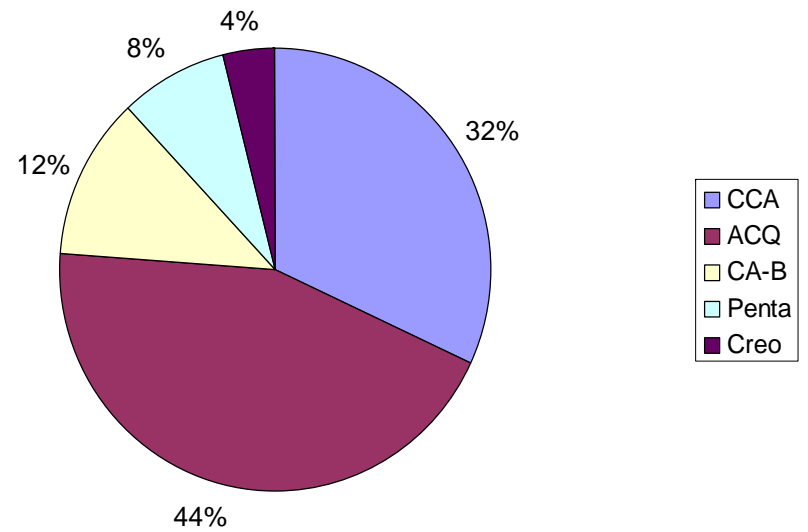
**Wood Preservation Facilities 2006**



**Ontario Wood Preservation Facilities 2000**



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# Implementation of the TRDs

## Assessment 2000

- Average score = 65%
- Range = 32 – 90%

## Final Audits 2006

- Average score = 89%
- Range 56 – 99%

## Getting There

- 5 in P2 process (7%)
- 4 candidates for new P2 process (total 13% P2)
- 45 facilities (66% original, 76% current) currently entering Canadian Wood Preservation Certification Authority Program.
- NPRI reporting – cannot quantify release reductions from improvements.



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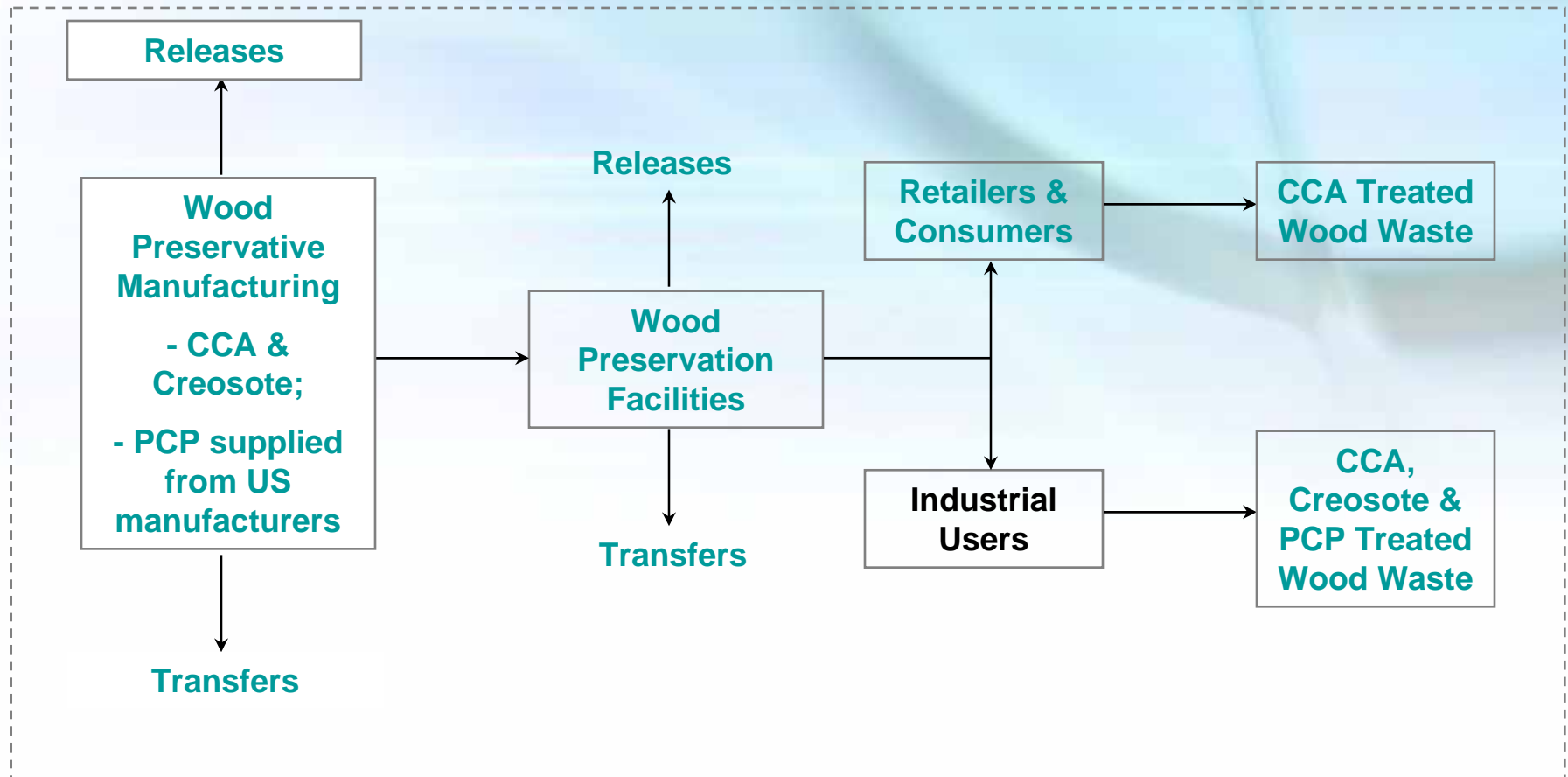
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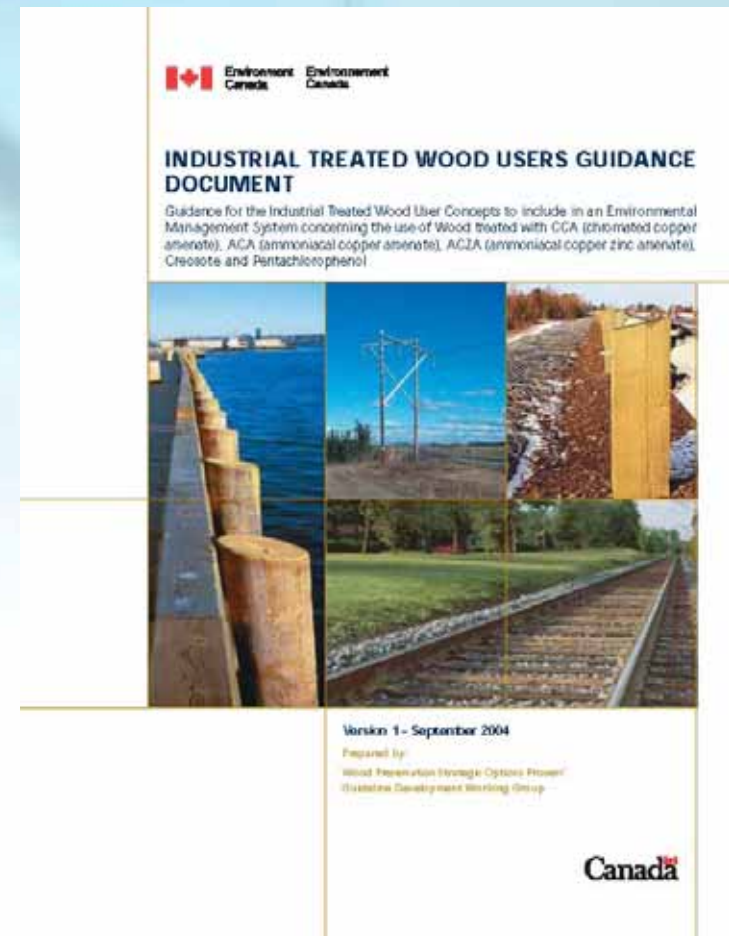
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# Industrial Users of Treated Wood

- Developed Industrial Users Guidance Document (UGD).
- Distribution Ongoing.
- Voluntary implementation by Users.
- Conducted survey of users.
- Most seem to be applying principles.



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# Industrial Users of Treated Wood

- The Users Guidance Document (UGD) is designed to promote environmentally responsible management of the purchase, use, storage and disposal of treated wood.
- Not meant as a prescriptive document, but as a flexible tool to allow users to meet the recommendations.
- Target audience includes railways, power utilities, phone companies, and government department users of treated wood (such as transportation, fisheries and natural resources departments).

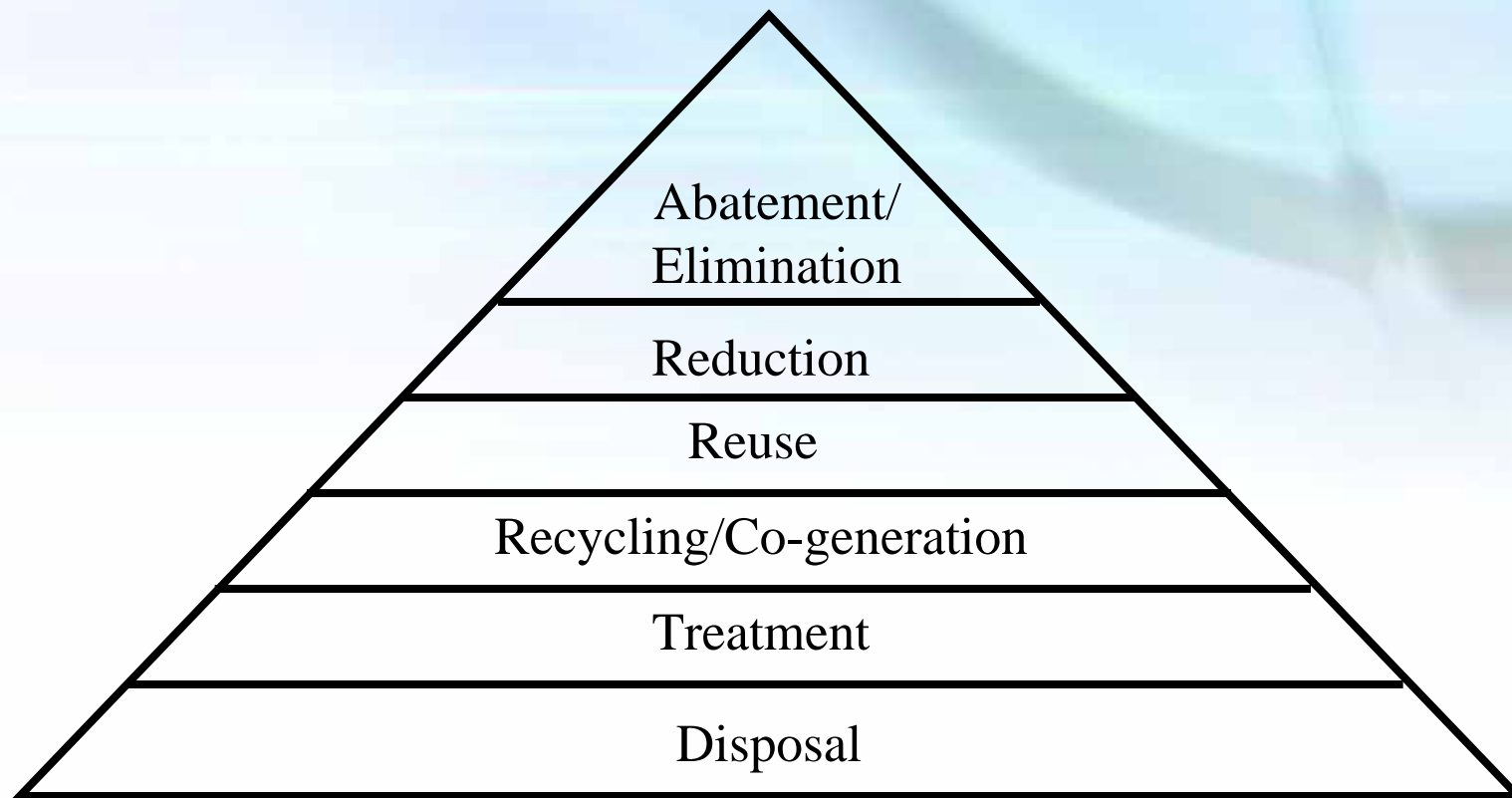
# Industrial Users of Treated Wood

## Key messages:

1. Ensure new wood has been properly treated; i.e. only buy from certified plants.
2. Ensure proper storage.
3. Ensure mitigation measures are used during installation.
4. Ensure waste management as per waste hierarchy.



# Waste Hierarchy



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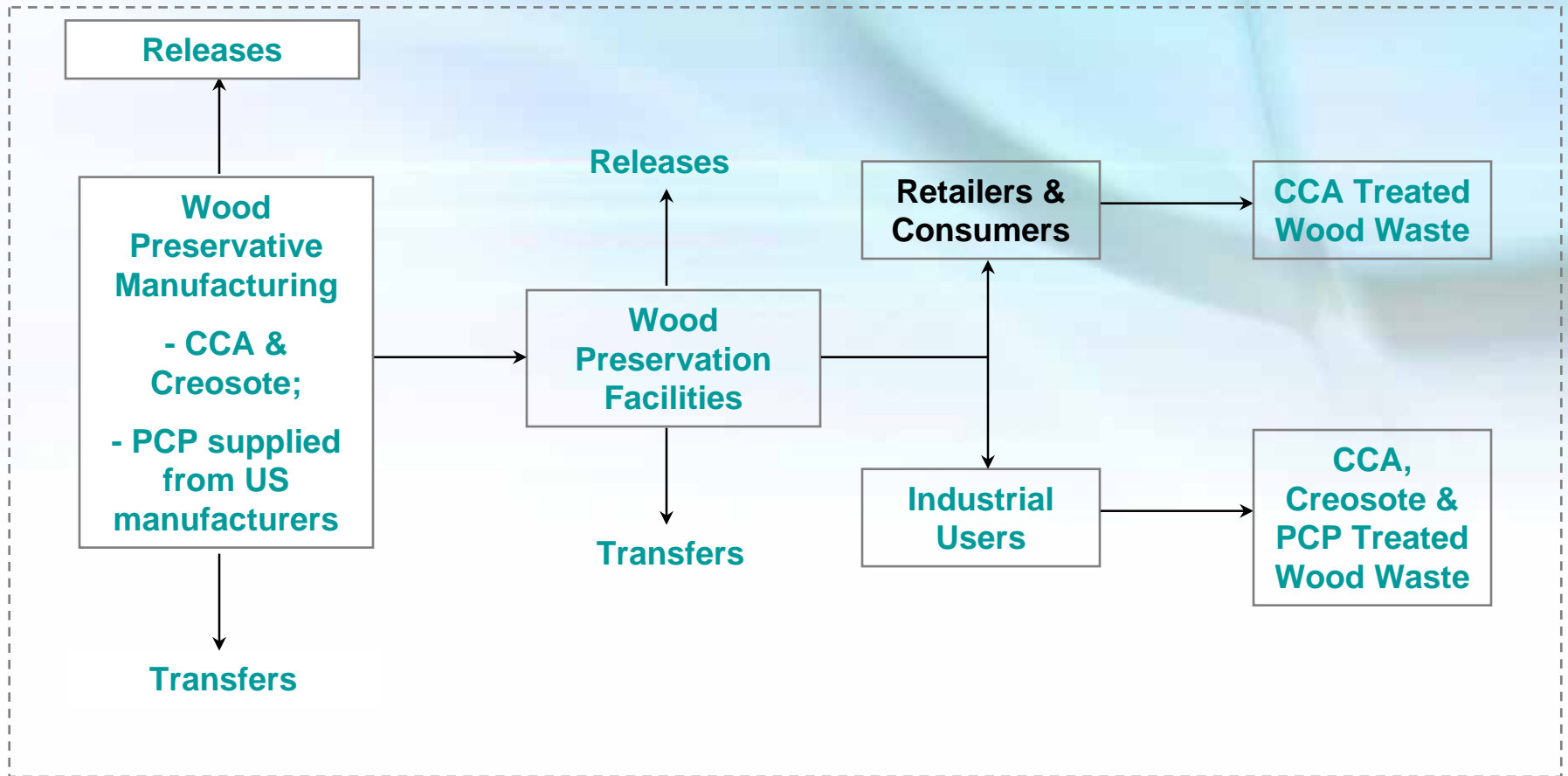
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# Retailers and Consumers

- Treated wood labelling program.
- Retailers have agreed to support certification program.



## **SAFE HANDLING INFORMATION FOR CCA PRESERVED WOOD**

**CAUTION: ARSENIC IS IN THE PESTICIDE APPLIED TO THIS WOOD**

- NEVER BURN TREATED WOOD
- WEAR DUST MASK & GOGGLES WHEN CUTTING OR SANDING WOOD
- WEAR GLOVES WHEN WORKING WITH WOOD

**ASK FOR THE CONSUMER SAFETY INFORMATION SHEET  
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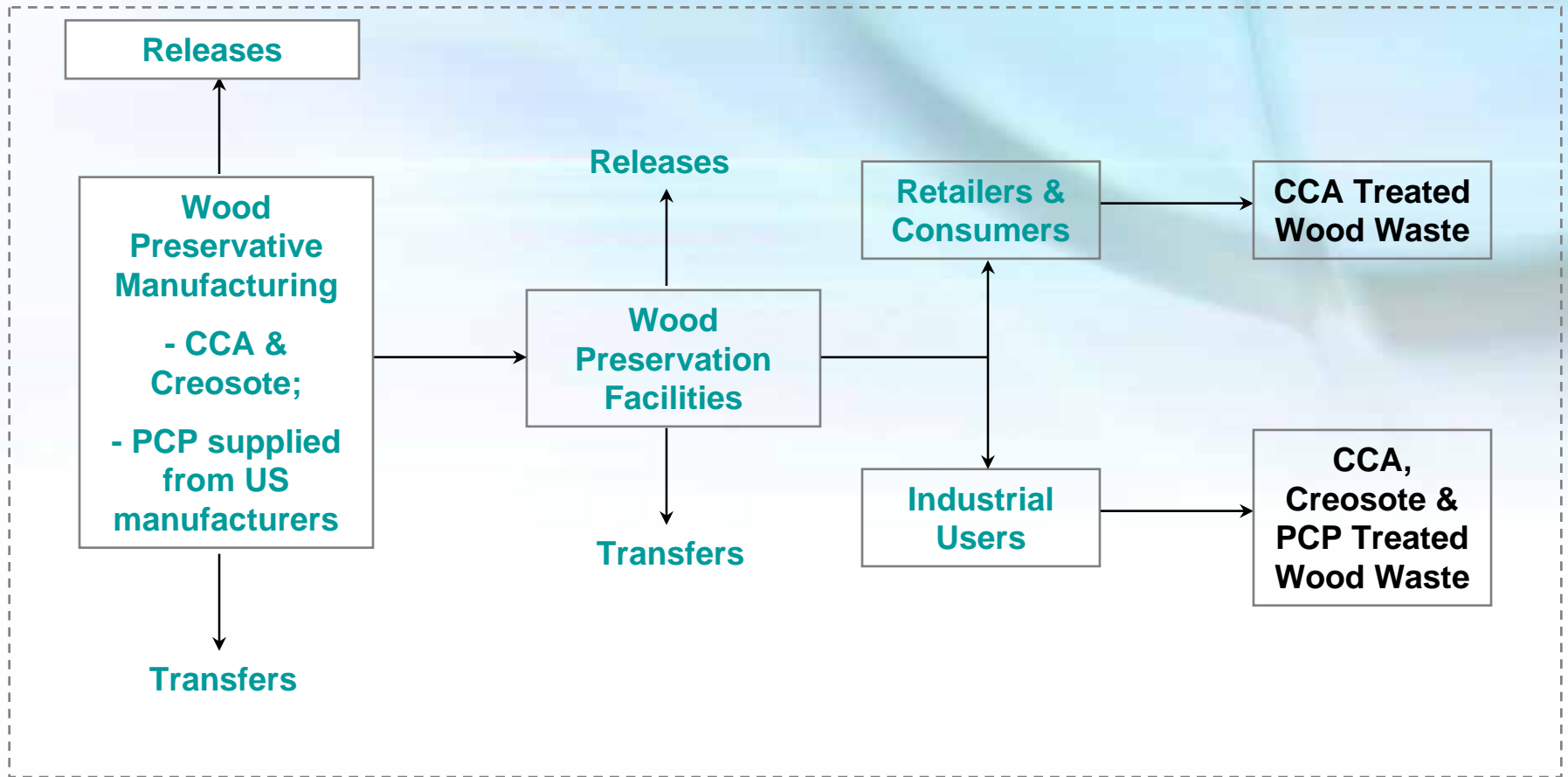
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# Waste

## Challenges:

- Consumer waste - sorting from non-treated wood.
- Best disposal method; i.e. concentrate toxics or dispose of diluted.



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# Waste

- Adoption of preferred methods; i.e. NIMBY.
- Hazardous waste classification clarified; i.e. industrial waste captured by E/I & Interprovincial hazardous waste regulations.
- Industrial users more aware and managing carefully; i.e. not selling used tires to public.



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