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## Pacific Northwest School IPM Consortium Strategic Planning Session

The PNW School IPM Change Agent Practicum Strategic Planning Session was held in Seattle on April 16-17, 2013. The meeting brought together representatives of Washington and Oregon school districts, pest management professionals, indoor air quality experts, risk management professionals, children's health experts, and various state agencies to discuss the current state of IPM in schools and plan strategies to improve outreach, education, and implementation of school IPM in Washington, Oregon, and Alaska. Attendees learned about EPA's School IPM Center of Excellence and the Children's Environmental Health Program and took a virtual walkthrough to assess the indoor air quality in schools. Participants learned how IPM interacts with the school environment and directly impacts student health and achievement. Perspectives were shared from the viewpoints of pest management, risk management, operations and maintenance, education and outreach to school administrators and staff, and health and safety of students and staff. Each participant developed school IPM action items that they will complete during the next year. A teleconference will be held in six months and each participant will report on their progress toward furthering school IPM in the Pacific Northwest.