

To: Members of the Green Ribbon Science Panel

Fr: Co-Chairs, Debbie Raphael, Bill Carroll and Ken Geiser

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Re: Future Process Considerations for the GRSP

On January 12th you received notice from Department of Toxic Substances Control Director Maziar Movassaghi cancelling the face-to-face meeting of the Science Panel originally planned for February 3-4. As co-chairs, we have been working with the Director in considering future directions for the Science Panel. Some panel members, including us, have felt that it is time to re-consider the process by which we conduct the Panel meetings.

To date, we have followed a kind of “advice and comment” mode of operation. We would like to propose more of a “working session” model where we take on specific topics in collaboration with the staff. This might best be served by identifying groups of us who are interested in specific areas of the Green Chemistry Initiative and breaking down into smaller work groups during our time together. A smaller working session model would require that we work in parallel sessions and report back to the entire Science Panel at the close of the meeting. This would require that the department and we identify certain areas for further work and that we as Panel members then volunteer to participate in those work groups.

We would like to discuss this working session model as a Panel process and hear your comments. Therefore we are asking the Department to organize a Science Panel conference call to discuss this proposal and other Science Panel process issues to take place on February 4 at 9:00 Pacific time (12:00 Eastern time) in place of the previously planned meeting.

Kathy Barwick has offered to organize this conference call and we urge you to attend.