

# Safer Products and Workplaces Program

## Priority Product Selection Work Plan

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The program will also engage stakeholders to ascertain product details and emerging relevant science. It will develop the processes and infrastructure needed to build and sustain the SCP program in the coming years. The components of this work plan include:

*Three Year Work Plan:* The Priority Products Work Plan (PPWP) will identify the product categories which the program will research over the coming three years. Future Priority Products will be chosen from the Work Plan categories, in conjunction with chemicals found on the Candidate Chemicals list.

*Initial Priority Products:* Initial Priority Products will be adopted into regulation following the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) rulemaking process.

*Candidate Chemicals List and Database:* The SCP program will maintain the list of chemicals identified through the 23 authoritative chemicals lists of hazard traits and exposure potential. The program will update the Informational Candidate Chemicals list and improve the technology used to maintain and provide public access to the list.

**Background:** Objective 3.1 of DTSC's 2014-2018 Strategic Plan calls for the implementation of the Safer Consumer Products regulations, "beginning with the adoption of the initial list of priority products and development of alternatives analysis guidance documents." This work plan provides appropriate detail for executing and tracking continued identification of Priority Products.

### Timeline

#### **6 months: July 2014 – December 2014**

##### *Priority Products Work Plan*

- Release draft PPWP.
- Conduct two workshops with stakeholders to solicit input on the PPWP.
- Review comments and finalize PPWP.

### *Candidate Chemicals*

- Issue notice according to an APA rulemaking process for any needed revisions to SCP regulations to address authoritative chemicals list discrepancy.

### **12 months: January 2015 – June 2015**

#### *Initial Priority Products List*

- Notice proposed regulations for Initial Priority Products per APA rulemaking process.
- Obtain California Environmental Policy Council (CEPC) decision about need for multi-media lifecycle assessment for Initial Priority Products List.
- Complete California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process.
- Complete scientific peer review.
- Conduct Public Hearing on Initial Priority Products regulations.
- Respond to public comments and, if needed, propose regulatory changes for additional public comment.

### *Candidate Chemicals*

- Identify desired Candidate Chemicals (CC) Database enhancements to improve user interface, streamline administration of CC lists, update CC lists, and improve query capability
- Work with OEIM for implementation of CC Database enhancements

#### *Additional Priority Products*

- Conduct public workshops on selected product categories from the Priority Products Work Plan.

### **Beyond June 2015**

#### *Additional Priority Products*

- Propose new product-chemical combinations to be added to the Priority Products List.