

## SAFER CONSUMER PRODUCTS

### PART IV

- **Slate: The way Forward**

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At the end of October we are releasing an informal regulation. What that means is that we're not in a formal regulatory process. What's important about that distinction is that it allows us to have back and forth conversations with interested stakeholders. No one has seen anything really in writing since the end of last year. So this will be the first chance for all the stakeholders to see our thinking...what we're trying to do. After these are released the green ribbon science panel will reconvene in mid November to give us their take. Between the end of October and the end of the year we will be working with any stakeholder who wants to come and have a conversation with us. I have a saying I like to say to people 'please come to me with solutions not just problems' and so I'm asking all stakeholders when they come and have those conversations...bring us the solutions not just the problems. Early next year we will start what's called the formal process...the formal regulatory process. That is a very different animal. That is where interaction with stakeholders is in writing. It has strict boundary conditions. There are all sorts of documentation that we as a department need to create...that explains our thinking and justifications. There's public process that comes along with that...comment periods and workshops. At some point that process makes its way to the end and we get approval for these regulations. I can't begin to predict exactly when that will be. I'm hoping sometime in the fall of next year.

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