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New state panel meets to draft rules on safer, greener products

SACRAMENTO, CA - Cal/EPA's Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) will bring together 27 of America's renowned scientists and other leaders dedicated to making the environment safer, to discuss new ways to remove toxins from consumer products.

Concern continues to be expressed about toxic chemicals found in baby products, toys, jewelry, and much more. The panel, known as the California Green Ribbon Science Panel, will meet on Wednesday, April 29 to discuss new rules for safer, less toxic products in support of the state's Green Chemistry efforts.

DTSC's Acting Director, Maziar Movassaghi, will deliver opening remarks and will be available for media interviews shortly afterwards.

The new Panel is an important part of California's Green Chemistry Initiative, an innovative, statewide plan make protect the environment by reducing the amount of toxins used in consumer products.

Where/When: Wednesday, April 29, 9:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.
Thursday, April 30, 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Red Lion Inn, Sierra Room
1401 Arden Way, Sacramento

Earlier this month, DTSC selected the 27 members for the Green Ribbon Science Panel, an advisory board created for the state's Green Chemistry program. Members' expertise and experience include chemistry, environmental law and health, public policy, and risk analysis. The panel was established to advise DTSC and the California Environmental Policy Council pursuant to AB 1879 (Feuer), which directs DTSC to develop regulations that facilitate the creation of safer chemical alternatives and to identify chemicals of concern.

Please click here to view the current meeting agenda:

<http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/PollutionPrevention/GreenChemistryInitiative/upload/GRSP-meeting-agenda-April-29-30-2009.pdf>

Please click here for more information on the Green Ribbon Science Panel:

http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/PressRoom/upload/News_2008_T_06_09.pdf

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The mission of the Department of Toxic Substances Control is to provide the highest level of safety, and to protect public health and the environment from toxic harm.