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Public Forum to Debate Creation of List for Toxic Chemicals

SACRAMENTO – The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) will hold a public forum that will argue for and against the development of a list of toxic chemicals harmful to health and the environment.

Director Maureen Gorsen of DTSC is leading the California Green Chemistry Initiative, a multi-agency state team that is exploring a different approach to environmental protection – transitioning away from managing toxic chemicals at the end of the lifecycle, to reducing or eliminating their use altogether. Experts will discuss how government officials, state scientists and policy writers, and environmental and business leaders can work together to deal with hazardous and other waste before it is generated. This new approach is similar to measures adopted by the European Union and the Canadian government to encourage greater manufacturer responsibility.

- PARTICIPANTS:**
- Maureen Gorsen, Director, DTSC
 - Dan Jacobson, Legislative Advocate, Environment California
 - Andrew Hackman, Manager of State Affairs Program,
The Consumer Specialty Products Association
 - William Greggs, Associate Director, Global Sustainability,
Proctor & Gamble

When: Wednesday, September 19, 2007, 1:00 p.m.– 4:15 p.m.

Where: Cal/EPA Building, 1001 I Street, Coastal Hearing Room, Sacramento

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Visuals: Audience members, large scientific banners with science, innovation, environment and green chemistry theme

For more information on the agenda, visit

<http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/PollutionPrevention/GreenChemistryInitiative/Calendar.cfm>.

To view and participate on the green chemistry initiative blog site, visit

<http://californiagreenchemistry.squarespace.com/welcome/>.

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