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California Department of Toxic Substances Control to Host Public Workshops on Safer Alternative Regulations and Green Chemistry Wiki

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. - Cal/EPA's Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) will hold a public workshop in the Los Angeles area to solicit input on the development of safer alternative regulations for the state's Green Chemistry programs. In addition, DTSC officials at the workshop will discuss the department's recent launching of an online "wiki" site to assist in garnering comments on building these Green Chemistry regulations. The wiki, found on DTSC's website, allows anyone to access and contribute or modify content.

10 am – 3 pm **Thursday, February 26, 2009**
Public Workshop on Safer Alternative
Regulations & Green Chemistry Wiki
California Department of Toxic Substances Control
Chatsworth Regional Office
9211 Oakdale Avenue
Chatsworth, CA 91311-6505

The DTSC workshops, which are planned throughout California in the next few months, are being held in support of landmark Green Chemistry legislation signed into law last year. On September 29, 2008, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed Assembly Bill 1879 (Simitian) and Senate Bill 509 (Simitian), two laws that are part of California's Green Chemistry program. These new laws authorize California state government to develop an alternatives analysis framework to stimulate the rapid acceleration of replacement of harmful chemicals and ingredients with safer alternatives in products sold in the state.

Please click here to view the current workshop agenda:

http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/PollutionPrevention/GreenChemistryInitiative/upload/GC_218_Workshop_Notice.pdf

Please click here to view DTSC Green Chemistry Web pages and Green Chemistry Wiki:

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

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