



CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
Department of Toxic Substances Control

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### DTSC to Host Nanotechnology Initiative Symposium Giving Industry Perspective

**SACRAMENTO, CALIF.** – What do mobile phones, cosmetics and refrigerators have in common? They are a new generation of products being made using Nanotechnology!

Cal/EPA's Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is hosting its fifth nanotechnology symposium, "Nanotechnology Initiative Symposium V: An Industry Perspective" in Sacramento on November 16, 2009. It will focus on the benefits, risks, potential health and environmental impacts of the emerging nanotechnology industry.

Nanotechnology is an exciting field that incorporates the design, characterization, production, and application of structures, by controlling the shape and size of materials at the nanometer scale. A nanometer is one billionth of a meter. The event is co-sponsored by the California Nanotechnology Industry Network and the California Manufacturers & Technology Association. DTSC's Nanotechnology Chemical Information Call-in program will also be discussed during this symposium.

**WHAT:** A one day symposium to explore the benefits, risks, and potential environmental impacts of the emerging nanotechnology industry.

**WHEN:** Monday, November 16  
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Cal/EPA Headquarters Building Byron Sher Auditorium, 2nd Floor  
1001 'I' Street. Sacramento, CA 95812

**WHO** Speakers at the symposium include:

- Andrew Maynard, Ph.D., Project on Emerging Nanotechnologies, Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars
- Maziar Movasshagi, DTSC Acting Director
- Charles Geraci, Ph.D., National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH);
- Kristen Kulinowski, Rice University, Center for Biological and Environmental Nanotechnology;

The event will be webcast at [www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast](http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast)

Please click here to view the current symposium agenda:

[http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/TechnologyDevelopment/Nanotechnology/upload/NanoV\\_Industry\\_DTSC\\_agenda.pdf](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/TechnologyDevelopment/Nanotechnology/upload/NanoV_Industry_DTSC_agenda.pdf)

Please click here to view prior nanotech symposia materials and archived video:  
<http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/TechnologyDevelopment/Nanotechnology/nanoport.cfm>

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