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**DTSC to Host Nanotechnology Symposium --
'NanoRegulation: Anticipating the Smallest Threats and the Largest Opportunities'**

SACRAMENTO, CALIF. – Cal/EPA's Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is hosting its third nanotechnology symposium, "NanoRegulation: Anticipating the Smallest Threats and the Largest Opportunities," in Sacramento. The day-long symposium will focus on the regulatory aspects of nanotechnology, U.S. EPA's role, DTSC's chemical information call-in program including nanoscale materials, and industry perspectives. Federal interest in nanomaterial regulation and California's efforts in this area, combined with university and industry developments, provide a great opportunity for fostering technological advances that recognize environmental and public health concerns. The goal of the symposium is to create partnerships in which DTSC can enhance research where needed and promote sustainable processes, as well as applications. The symposium will also be available via Web cast.

9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Thursday, March 19
Symposium on "NanoRegulation: Anticipating the Smallest Threats and the Largest Opportunities"
Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Byron Sher Auditorium, 2nd Floor
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95812
Web cast: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/>

Speakers at the symposium include:

- Assembly Member Mike Feuer, California State Assembly, 42nd District
- Kristan Markey, U.S. EPA Nanoscale Materials Stewardship Program
- Richard Denison, Ph.D., Environmental Defense
- Sheila Davis, Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition
- Professor Timothy Malloy, UCLA
- Mark Büniger, Research Director, Lux Research
- Mary Beth Miller, Unidym, Inc.
- Eric M.V. Hoek, Ph.D., UCLA

Because of the unique properties of nanomaterials and the growth of this emerging technology, DTSC is gathering needed information on nanotechnology and monitoring the efforts of other regulatory agencies. Materials and devices designed at the nanoscale level are being used or considered for use in a multitude of applications.

Please click here to view the current symposium agenda:

http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/TechnologyDevelopment/Nanotechnology/upload/OCS_FLY_NanoIII_agenda.pdf

Please click here to view prior nanotech symposia materials and archived video:

<http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/TechnologyDevelopment/Nanotechnology/ArchivedSymposium.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.