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**NANOTECHNOLOGY SYMPOSIUM BRINGS TOGETHER  
LEADING EXPERTS TO EXPLORE THE IMPACTS AND  
OPPORTUNITIES OF NANOTECHNOLOGY**

**Symposium To Be Web cast In Real Time**

**Sacramento, CA** – The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announced today the details for the upcoming symposium on nanotechnology on March 8 that explores the potential promise and challenge of these innovative technologies. The symposium will be open to the public who register prior to the event, as seating is limited. The public can visit [http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/PollutionPrevention/symposium\\_registration.cfm](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/PollutionPrevention/symposium_registration.cfm) to register.

This symposium brings together leading nanotechnology experts to identify potential environmental impacts, and explore opportunities to position California as a global leader in environmental health and innovation. Web cast inquiries have come from many locations throughout the United States.

The symposium will feature discussions and presentations by a broad range of stakeholders in the nanotechnology area.

**PARTICIPANTS:**

**9:00 a.m. OPENING REMARKS**

- Jeff Wong, Ph.D., Deputy Director  
Science, Pollution Prevention & Technology  
California Department of Toxic Substances Control
- Maureen Gorsen, Director  
California Department of Toxic Substances Control

**9:15 a.m. WHAT IS NANOTECHNOLOGY?**

Mike Gill, ORD Hazardous Substances Technical Liaison  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, San Francisco

**9:45 a.m. HOW IS NANOTECHNOLOGY USED IN CALIFORNIA?**

Diana Rude, Director of Government Relations  
International Association on Nanotechnology

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- 10:35 a.m.** WHAT ARE THE POTENTIAL HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF NANOTECHNOLOGY?  
Andre Nel, M.B.ChB, Ph.D., Director, UC Lead Campus Program for Nanotoxicology Research and Training
- 11:10 a.m.** HOW DO WE REALIZE THE BENEFITS BY MINIMIZING THE POTENTIAL RISKS OF NANOTECHNOLOGY?  
Andrew Maynard, Ph.D., Chief Science Advisor  
Project On Emerging Nanotechnologies,  
Woodrow Wilson International Studies For Scholars
- 11:45 a.m.** UNDERSTANDING THE DEBATE: A CRITICAL LOOK AT REASONS FOR AND AGAINST MORE REGULATION IN NANOTECHNOLOGY  
Patrick Lin, Ph.D., Director  
The Nanoethics Group
- 12:20 p.m.** BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE ON NANOTECHNOLOGY  
Joan Denton, Ph.D., Director  
Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
- 12:30 p.m.** PESTICIDES AND NANOTECHNOLOGY: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES  
Tobi Jones, Ph.D., Assistant Director  
California Department of Pesticide Regulations

**DATE & TIME:** March 8, 2007  
**(P.S.T.)** 8:00 a.m. – Doors Open  
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Program

**LOCATION:** Cal/EPA Building  
Byron Sher Auditorium  
1001 I Street, 2nd Floor  
Sacramento, CA

**VISUALS:** The symposium will feature a 5 by 8 foot mural which outlines the history, current state, and the future development of nanotechnology. The mural simplifies the incredibly dynamic and complex topic to the non-scientist, while exploring the scientific aspects, and the social and ethical impacts at local and global levels. The 200-plus symposium audience will include Cal/EPA staff, academia, legislative officials, press, and general public.

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Material related to the symposium including the day's agenda and a list of participants are accessible at <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/TechnologyDevelopment/Nanotechnology.cfm>. Real time audio and video Web cast will be accessible at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Broadcast/> (scroll to 3/8/2007).

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