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DTSC RELEASES OUTLINE OF DRAFT REGULATIONS FOR SAFER PRODUCTS

SACRAMENTO, CA – In the wake of celebrations where millions marked the 40th anniversary of Earth Day, California has taken a significant step toward fulfilling the vision of a world safe from toxic harm by releasing a blueprint for safer products.

The Department of Toxic Substances Control's (DTSC) outline of Regulations for Safer Products gives the public its first look at how the regulatory arm of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's Green Chemistry Initiative will be implemented.

"We have come a long way in 40 years," said DTSC Director Maziar Movassaghi. "We now know that safer products are a critical part of a safer environment."

By motivating manufacturers to look for safer alternatives early on, the outline inspires innovation and moves California toward a more sustainable future.

"We want businesses to use their know-how and innovation in developing solutions for using safer chemicals in products" said Movassaghi. "These regulations are a win for California - safer products producing innovation and the innovation producing more jobs."

The outline makes clear DTSC's commitment to implementing a systematic process based on sound science to focus on reducing the use of chemicals posing the greatest threat to public health and our environment, and gives DTSC the ability to respond quickly to new science.

Once products of concern are identified, a regulatory process would begin encouraging the manufacturer to engage in an alternatives analysis to find safer alternative chemicals.

The next step in creating the regulations is developing draft language. These draft regulations will be released in the very near future. DTSC welcomes feedback on the outline from all stakeholders.

The outline, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and the conceptual framework can be found at:

http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/PollutionPrevention/GreenChemistryInitiative/safer_products_regs_outline.cfm

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