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DTSC Webinar Focuses On Potential Priority Products

SACRAMENTO – Nearly 300 industry experts and stakeholders participated today in a webinar held by the Department of Toxic Substances Control to engage stakeholders in the process of selecting the next Priority Products for DTSC's [Safer Consumer Products](#) program. The SCP program aims to facilitate a process that ensures safer substitutes for hazardous ingredients in consumer products sold in California.

The three topics during the two-hour webinar focused on the following:

- Exposure of **nail salon** workers to hazardous chemicals found in nail products.
- Specific chemicals found in consumer products that can enter the **aquatic environment** and harm aquatic life.
- Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (**PFASs**), a class of stain- and water-repellant chemicals used in a wide range of consumer products. DTSC discussed findings and questions about the use of PFAS in upholstered furniture, carpets, rugs, and carpet treatment products.

DTSC scientists including Dr. Meredith Williams, PH.D., Deputy Director; Branch Chief Karl Palmer; and Chemical-Products Evaluation Team lead Andre Algazi, briefed stakeholders on the process. Other presenters included:

- Environmental Scientist Anne Cooper Doherty, who presented on potential aquatic impacts and continued uses of Nonylphenol Ethoxylates and Triclosan.
- Staff Toxicologist Eric Sciuillo, who presented on potential health and safety impacts of chemicals in nail products, and
- Senior Environmental Scientist Simona Balan, whose presentation focused on Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (**PFASs**)

Next steps in the process include stakeholder meetings and workshops scheduled for early next year. For more information visit: <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/SCP/Workshops-Events.cfm> . A recording [of the the webinar will be available here](#) by Nov. 22, 2016.



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The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances by restoring contaminated resources, enforcing hazardous waste laws, reducing hazardous waste generation, and encouraging the manufacture of chemically safer products.