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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL STRAW PROPOSAL FOR SAFER ALTERNATIVE REGULATIONS

Green Ribbon Science Panel: October 14, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Straw Proposal Workshop: October 21, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Location of Both Meetings: Joe Serna Jr. Cal/EPA HQ Building
1001 "I" Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) will hold two public meetings in the month of October to give the public and interested parties various opportunities to provide comments on California's Straw Proposal for the Safer Alternative Regulations. Both meetings will be held at the California Environmental Protection Agency's Headquarter Building in Sacramento from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., one on October 14 and the second on October 21, 2009.

The first meeting, scheduled for **October 14**, will convene the Green Ribbon Science Panel (GRSP) and focus on DTSC's Straw Proposal to establish two processes: one to identify and prioritize chemicals of concern in consumer products; the second to evaluate safer alternatives. DTSC will present the Straw Proposal after which the GRSP will accept public comments and provide advice to the department. Also on the agenda for this meeting, DTSC will seek advice from the GRSP about potential opportunities for public/private partnerships for green chemistry implementation.

At the second meeting scheduled for **October 21** (a public workshop), DTSC is providing an additional opportunity for public comment on the Straw Proposal. The workshop will involve a presentation of the proposal, discussion, and gathering of public input.

The general public is invited and encouraged to attend both meetings as DTSC works toward developing regulations that accelerates California's move toward a clean, green, sustainable economy.

Documents to be addressed at the meetings are posted at:
<http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/PollutionPrevention/GreenChemistryInitiative/index.cfm>

Web cast for both events can be accessed at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Broadcast/>

GREEN RIBBON SCIENCE PANEL 10/14

The GRSP was established with passage of two landmark Green Chemistry laws signed last year by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger (AB 1879 – Feuer and SB 509 – Simitian). The GRSP provides advice and serves as a resource to DTSC and the public regarding the California Green Chemistry Initiative.

The October 14 meeting will focus on dialog with the GRSP on the Straw Proposal and public/private partnership models that will further California's Green Chemistry Initiative. The GRSP seeks and invites public comment on agenda items. The meeting will be Web cast and a written transcript and video will be posted to the DTSC

STRAW PROPOSAL WORKSHOP 10/21

The DTSC Safer Alternatives Regulation Team will solicit specific comments and suggestions for revisions to the Straw Proposal that will establish a process to identify and prioritize chemicals of concern in consumer products, and a process to evaluate safer alternatives.

The agenda will be posted to the DTSC website two weeks before the workshop.

Written or emailed comments are encouraged and will be accepted on the Straw Proposal until November 4, 2009.

GREEN RIBBON SCIENCE PANEL (CONT)

Web site when available. Input on agenda items can be made to the GRSP in person or e-mailed to: green.chemistry@dtsc.ca.gov.

STRAW PROPOSAL WORKSHOP (CONT)

Members of the public may submit input via e-mail to green.chemistry@dtsc.ca.gov or by mail to: Michael O'Docharty, Safer Alternative Comments, Department of Toxic Substances Control, P.O. Box 806, Sacramento, CA 95814.

If you would like to request reasonable accommodation, please contact Ms. Cynthia Miller at (818) 717-6568. Hearing-impaired individuals can obtain information by using the California State Relay Service at (888) 877-5378 (TDD).