

California to focus on seven product categories for green chemistry scrutiny

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After targeting three specific consumer products in 2014 for regulation under the Safer Consumer Products (SCP) Program, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has identified seven (7) categories of consumer products for in-depth investigation. Per its Final Priority Work Plan (Work Plan) issued April 16, 2015, DTSC will scrutinize pervasive chemical constituents in each product category.

The Work Plan identifies specific classes of chemicals in each category for further investigation and information-gathering. DTSC will seek this information from an array of sources, including private parties in the supply chain, government agencies, consumer “watchdog” groups and other stakeholders. The DTSC objective is to identify specific “Priority Products” in each category for further regulation under the onerous SCP Program.

In the Work Plan, DTSC identifies the following product categories for investigation:

- Beauty, Personal Care, and Hygiene Products
- Building Products and Household, Office Furniture and Furnishings
 - Building Products: Painting Products, Adhesives, Sealants, and Flooring
 - Household, Office Furniture, and Furnishings
- Cleaning Products
- Clothing
- Fishing and Angling Equipment
- Office Machinery