

Governor Baldacci's
Task Force Promoting Safer Chemicals in Consumer Products
Monday, January 8, 2007 1:30 PM-3:30 PM
Room 105 Cross Office Building, Augusta, Maine
MINUTES

Attendees

Task Force members: David Littell, Thaxter Trafton, Deborah Rice, Sharon Tisher, Nick Bennett, Stacie Beyer, Steve Pinette, Mark Dobrovolny, Mindy Davis

Other Task Force: Ginger Jordan-Hillier, staff

Interested Parties: Jeremy Caron/DAFS, Jetta Antonakas/SPO, Stan Eller/
Alliance for Clean & Healthy Maine, Steve Rosario/American Chemistry Council, John Delehanty/Pierce Atwood, Leanne Diehl/Public Affairs Group

Distribution of draft of Interim Report.

After delivery to the Governor the Interim Report will be forwarded to Task Force members and interested parties and posted on DEP website. Additional minor edits received.

Develop meeting plan through October 1, 2007 and determine and develop Work Groups

The group accepted the plan submitted by Mike Belliveau and Sharon Tisher as guidance for moving forward. That plan with task force meeting edits is printed with the minutes. Further modifications expected.

Three Work Groups with the following membership were formed:

Chemical Policy: David Littell/Chair Deb Rice, Steve Pinette, Sharon Tisher, Mike Belliveau

Information (including EPP recommendations) : Jim Dill & Kathy Murray/Co-Chairs Nick Bennett, Stacie Beyer, Mindy Davis and Dana Graham (*Dana let me know if this assignment is not OK*)

Green Chemistry: Thaxter Trafton/Chair, Mark Dobrovolny, Sharon Tisher, Mike Belliveau, John Wise (*John let me know if this assignments is not OK*)

- Work Groups will meet immediately prior to full Task Force and report back at end of full Task Force meetings. If report time runs short Work Group chairs will ensure that summary bullets are sent to Ginger for circulation.
- Work Group meetings will be open to the public
- Work Groups met

Assignments:

Ginger

- Forward link to Characterizing Chemicals in Commerce conference materials including Environment Canada Presentations on categorization of domestic substances
- Determine if Environment Canada could provide a speaker in person or by phone
- Determine if Teleconferencing capability exists

Wilson

Sharon/Mike B.

Contact Ken Cook, Mike Wilson as speakers

John Wise & Dana Graham

Contact Ginger if Work Group assignments unsatisfactory

Task Force Promoting Safer Chemicals in Consumer Products and Services Duties

The purpose of the Task Force is to identify and promote the use and development of safer alternatives to hazardous chemicals in consumer goods and services made, provided or sold in Maine so as to benefit public health, the environment and the economy for all Maine people. The specific duties of the Task Force are to:

- i) Survey relevant knowledge and activities related to promoting safer alternatives to priority chemicals in the areas of environmental public health policy development, green chemistry research and development, and economic incentives;
- ii) Develop recommendations for a more comprehensive chemicals policy that requires safer substitutes to priority chemicals in consumer products and creates incentives to develop safer alternatives, on a state and regional basis;
- iii) Develop recommendations on expanded consumer education, retailer education and training, supply chain information and public right-to-know in order to promote markets for safer alternatives;
- iv) Develop recommendations for submission to the Maine Science and Technology Advisory Council on expanded research and development of safer alternatives to priority chemicals in consumer products, including investment in green chemistry research and development and the possibility of developing bio-based plastics from Maine-based agricultural and forest products.

Scope

For purposes of this Executive Order, the term "priority chemicals" includes substances and their breakdown products including PBTs, very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB) chemicals, carcinogens, mutagens or reproductive toxins (CMRs), neurotoxins, and endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs) that have been demonstrated by biomonitoring studies to be present in human tissues and fluids, that are produced in high volumes or used in ways that may result in high exposures, or that pose generally equivalent concerns as determined by the state's qualified experts or by a body considered to be authoritative by such experts. Priority chemicals include, but are not limited to, toxic substances listed by the DEP in its programs that address toxic releases, air toxics and water toxics. For purposes of this Executive Order, "consumer products" means items or materials sold or distributed for residential or commercial use, but excludes those intended exclusively for industrial use.

Reports

The Task Force shall submit an interim report to the Governor by November 30, 2006 and a final **report by October 1, 2007**. Each of these reports shall include recommendations, including proposed legislation, for safer chemicals policy development and consumer education and related information as required under Duties b.ii and b.iii in this section. The Task Force shall also submit interim recommendations by November 30, 2006 and final recommendations by October 1, 2007 to the Maine Science and Technology Advisory Council on expanded research and development opportunities as required under Duties b.iv in this section. Upon submission of the final report and the final recommendations, the Task Force shall dissolve.

Governors Task Force Promoting Safer Chemical in Consumer Products 2007 Calendar

Full Task Force	January 24	February 7	March 7	April 18	May 16	June 13	July – August 2 mts/mo	September 2 mts/mo	October 1
	<u>Presentation</u> Deb Rice John James:PBDE.deca	<u>Presentation</u> Tentative: Ken Cook; EWG on chemical body burden	<u>Presentation</u> Environment Canada; Categorizing chemicals	<u>Presentation</u> Michael Wilson Calif; legislative efforts	<u>Presentation</u> REACH; <u>implementation</u> in Europe	<u>Presentation</u> Interstate Chemical Clearinghouses	Drafting Final Report	Final Draft	Final report due Oct 1 Task Force ceases
<u>Work Groups:</u>	Possible Work Group Topics: Work Groups will need to scope out								
Rm 105 CHEMICALS POLICY Chr. David Littell <u>Focus:</u> Charge # ii. ;Closing the Safety Gap	Prioritizing Chemicals; List of carcinogens and PBTs to avoid for EPP	Chemicals of High Concern	Phase-Outs & Exemptions	Chemicals of Concern	Substitution Planning	Implementation Structure/Process	Drafting Final Report Subcommittee recommendations and language	Final draft	Final Report due Oct 1
Rm 105 INFORMATION Chr Jim Dill/Kathy Murray <u>Focus:</u> Charge # iii. ;Closing Data Gap & EPP	How can we make data useful for Maine	Health & Safety Data Gaps	Supply Chain Issues Public Education	Hazard Communi- cation	Labeling, warnings and RightToKnow	Database management	Drafting Final Report subcommittee recommendations and language	Final Draft	Final Report due Oct 1
Rm 302 GREEN CEMISTRY Chr Thaxter Trafton <u>Focus:</u> Charge # iv.;Closing the Technology Gap, & Bio-based R&D will not meet all months	Review relevant bond proposals	Review draft seed grant report on potato plastics	Review green chemistry R&D needs of university system	Review final seed grant proposal on potato plastics	Assess needs and next steps	Assess needs and next steps	Drafting Final Report Subcommittee recommendations and language Subcommittee recommendations	Final Draft	Final Report due Oct 1