

Webinar Agenda

Interaction Between Federal and State Regulations on Chemicals: This presentation will depict TSCA from the perspective of Washington State and EPA's Scientific Advisory Committee on Chemicals. This will include the interaction of TSCA with other state and federal regulations and policies to improve the protection of human health.

TSCA and Chemical Policy in Minnesota: This presentation will describe how Minnesota has approached chemical policy and management in light of TSCA, and how Minnesota has acted to prevent chemical exposure from products (especially in children) and protect our drinking water sources.

California's Safer Consumer Products Program; A Different Strategy: This presentation will summarize California's efforts to prevent chemical exposures consumer products by compelling the design and use of safer alternatives and avoiding regrettable substitutes. Strategies for collaboration, regulation and influencing the marketplace will be highlighted.

Presenters



Holly Davies is a toxicologist at the Washington State Department of Health (DOH). Her work focuses on evaluating uses of toxic chemicals, including chemicals of emerging concern and persistent, bioaccumulative, and toxic chemicals (PBTs), and identifying actions needed to protect human health and the environment with an emphasis on prevention and safer alternatives. She is a member of EPA's Scientific Advisory Committee on Chemicals, which provides advice under TSCA.



Barbara Morrissey is a toxicologist at the Washington State DOH. She works on health assessments of chemical hazards, state drinking water standards for PFAS, risk communication for impacted communities, and state and federal policy around reducing exposures to toxic chemicals from consumer and commercial products. She has a special interest in children's environmental health and chaired the EPA Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee from 2016-2020.



James Kelly, M.S. is the manager of the Environmental Surveillance & Assessment Section at the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), which develops, maintains, and applies expert risk assessment techniques so that environmental health hazards are assessed using sound science, conducts public health activities related to contaminant releases, and tracks the occurrence and characteristics of environmental health issues such as childhood blood lead and climate change. He has over 30 years of experience in the environmental health field, with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and MDH.



Al Innes is the Safer Product Chemistry Coordinator for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). For the past 10 of his 25 years at the MPCA, Al has been leading the agency's support of safer product chemistries which reduce environmental loadings and human exposures to hazards. This includes both enforcement of State statutes restricting toxic chemicals in products, and grants and assistance to companies, educators, and NGOs in support of their green chemistry goals.



Karl Palmer is the Acting Deputy Director of the California Department of Toxic Substances Control's Safer Consumer Products Program. He has over 30 years' experience at DTSC conducting assessments of hazardous waste and superfund sites, writing regulations, coordinating HAZMAT response and promoting pollution prevention. Mr. Palmer holds a B.S. in Resource Sciences from the University of California, Davis.