



**DfE Green Formulation Initiative for I&I Cleaning Products  
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**Conference call on May 23: learn how to list surfactants in CleanGredients™**

On Tuesday, May 23 at 2PM EDT, we will host a conference call for interested formulators and suppliers to explain how to list surfactants in the [CleanGredients™](#) surfactants module. We will describe the ingredient review process, the listing process, proposed fees, and the projected timeline. Please RSVP to ([info@cleangredients.org](mailto:info@cleangredients.org)) if you would like to join the call; we will send you the call-in information.

Agenda:

1. Introduction to [CleanGredients™](#) and the DfE Green Formulation Initiative
2. Information on the surfactant listing process, including:
  - a. third-party review of select surfactant attributes
  - b. proposed fees
3. Project goals and timeline

\*\*\*Please don't forget to RSVP.

### Progress

Since receiving feedback on the 30-day beta review of CleanGredients™ in February, we have been reviewing the constructive feedback and making revisions. Significant proposed changes include:

- Expanding CleanGredients™ for surfactants beyond hard surface and carpet cleaners, to include surfactants for laundry and hand dish soap.
- Modifications to the requirements to listing.
- Expanded free-text search and additional physical properties such as pH and critical micelle concentration.
- The addition of space for reporting on whether the surfactant complies with the European Commission Regulation No. 648/2004 (“EU Detergent Directive”), the source of the feedstock, and screening information for endocrine disruption.

Good news! Welcome to Topher Buck who has recently joined GreenBlue to co-manage the DfE Green Formulation Initiative and CleanGredients™ project.

### Next Steps

1. Conference call on May 23 (as described above)
2. Begin accepting listings of surfactants in June 2006
3. Solicit interested members for the solvents Technical Advisory Subcommittee

### News and Outreach

1. **Comments due by May 17.** The New York State Environmental Services Unit (ESU) is responsible for the implementation of two green procurement initiatives: Executive Order (EO) 134 (for state agencies) and Senate Legislation S5435 (for all New York State public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools). EO 134 requires that all “state agencies shall procure and use cleaning products having properties that minimize potential impacts to human health and the environment consistent with maintenance of the effectiveness of these products for the protection of public health and safety.” Similarly, the purpose of S5435 is “to reduce as much

as possible exposures of children and school district staff to potentially harmful chemicals and substances used in the cleaning and maintenance of schools.” Links to both EO 134 and S5435 can be found at <http://www.ogs.state.ny.us/bldgadmin/environmental/default.html>.

New York State is considering implementation of a green procurement policy that would require *all* state and local government agencies to use safe and sustainable products and services. The draft guidelines for green cleaning products in schools, drawn up by OGS, specify Green Seal certification standards. If you would like to comment on the proposed legislation and draft guidelines, **send comments to: [nysogsesu@ogs.state.ny.us](mailto:nysogsesu@ogs.state.ny.us) by May 17.**

2. EPA is developing the [Safer Detergents Stewardship Initiative](#) (SDSI) to recognize companies, facilities, and others who voluntarily phase out or commit to phasing out the manufacture or use of nonylphenol ethoxylate surfactants, commonly referred to as NPEs. These surfactants are used in detergents in cleaning and other products. Both nonylphenol ethoxylates and their breakdown products, such as nonylphenol, can harm aquatic life. The Safer Detergents Initiative will complement EPA's Aquatic Life Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Nonylphenol. These criteria are designed to protect aquatic life in both fresh and saltwater and can form the basis for state and tribal water quality standards. A public meeting to discuss EPA's plans for SDSI and to solicit stakeholder views on the initiative will be held **June 12, 2006 in Washington, DC**. For more information on the meeting, please see the [Federal Register notice](#). See also: <http://www.epa.gov/dfe>.
3. A new document (draft) entitled **Design for the Environment Formulator Program: A More Discriminating and Protective Approach to Cleaning Product Review and Recognition** is available that describes EPA's DfE Formulator Partnership Program and details the specific chemical attributes reviewed. The document may be useful to Formulator Partners who wish to provide more detail to purchasers, customers and others who seek to better understand what Formulator Partnership product recognition means. You may download this document from the CleanGredients™ website at [www.cleangredients.org/resources/](http://www.cleangredients.org/resources/).
4. Several members of the DfE GFI presented at the recent “Hot Topic Session” on Green Chemistry and Design for the Environment (DfE) in the Green Product Industry at the AOCs Meeting in St. Louis from April 30-May 2. More information on topics and speakers and a link to Lauren's presentation can be found at <http://www.cleangredients.org/news/>.

We are grateful for your interest and participation in this project. Please feel free to contact us with questions or comments.

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