

Project Update

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CleanGredients™ is exploring an expansion to include ingredients for use in household products

Based on numerous requests and recommendations from our Technical Advisory and Steering Committees, we are exploring the possibility of expanding CleanGredients™ to apply to household—in addition to industrial and institutional—hard surface, carpet, laundry, and hand dish soap products. We would greatly appreciate input on what, if any, modifications should be made to CleanGredients™ in order to accommodate the formulation of products for household use. If you or one of your colleagues (especially household product formulators) is willing to contribute to this deliberation, please let us know.

CleanGredients™ has a new look

CleanGredients™ has recently received a facelift designed better to integrate the user experience of the public and secure sides of CleanGredients™. Please check it out. This is part of an ongoing website overhaul that will include the addition of new ingredient classes (starting with solvents); new functionality; and educational information and resources about design for the environment, green chemistry, green formulation, and environmentally preferable products.

CleanGredients™ Surfactants Module

Over 60 formulator companies have subscribed and are now using CleanGredients™ to find surfactants for use in product formulation. This number continues to grow. Feedback from suppliers tells us that they are seeing interest in their listed products due to the growing demand for green chemicals.

The number of surfactants listed in CleanGredients™ also continues to increase. While 56 are currently visible, over 80 have been submitted for review. Continue to check CleanGredients™ for the addition of new surfactants.

CleanGredients™ Solvents Module

The Solvents Technical Advisory Committee has been meeting to establish attributes and criteria for listing solvents in CleanGredients™, and the solvents module is under development. Thank you to those of you who contributed your expertise to our Request for Comments on solvent attributes and especially to our Solvents Technical Advisory Committee members who are providing their expertise and guidance in developing meaningful attributes.

CleanGredients™ Sponsorship

CleanGredients™ is also inviting a limited number of additional sponsors. To learn more about the benefits of CleanGredients™ sponsorship, visit <http://www.cleangredients.org/about/sponsorship>.

News and Outreach

- The 2007 ISSA Legislative and Regulatory Forum, to be held April 5-6 in Arlington, VA, will provide attendees with one-and-one-half days of the latest information related to green cleaning and recent regulatory and legislative developments. The first day's events will be followed by a networking reception.

Reflecting industry trends, ISSA will devote a full day to topics and issues related to green cleaning including: CleanGredients™; Update on the DfE Formulator Program; Green Seal Cleaning Services Standard and Other Updates; Environmental Choice and Trends in Environmental Purchasing; USDA Biobased Products Procurement Program; State and Local Green Procurement Policies; Greening of Key Market Sectors; EPA Policy on Eco-Logos. The agenda will also feature information on pertinent legislative and regulatory developments such as: U.S. Implementation of the GHS; Revisions to DOT Hazmat Regulations; Chemical Security Legislation; Update on VOC Regulations. A copy of the [preliminary agenda](#) is available from ISSA, or you may e-mail [Tracy Weber](mailto:Tracy.Weber@issa.org) at ISSA for more information.

- EcoLogo recently announced it is streamlining the audit for products containing surfactants listed in CleanGredients™. EcoLogo will now accept a designation of "readily biodegradable" for surfactants in CleanGredients™ as evidence that the ingredients meet specified requirements. Read [EcoLogo's press release](#).
- The fourth [Green Chemistry and the Consumer Annual Symposium](#) will be held in York, UK on 28 June 2007, bringing together a diverse audience of representatives from consumer product supply chains, academics, NGOs, government, trade associations, media, and other stakeholders to learn about green chemistry solutions for sustainable product supply chains. The fourth symposium, "Measuring Green: Green performance indicators across the chemical product lifecycle," will explore key criteria for measuring the green credentials of chemical products at all stages in their lifecycle, including case studies on successful methods developed by industry and challenges in practice. If you are interested in participating, contact [Louise Summerton](mailto:Louise.Summerton@greenblue.org).
- Lauren Heine recently presented on [Green Chemistry and Cradle to Cradle Design](#) at the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

As always, 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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