

Project Update

February 2008 Activities

CleanGredientsSM Solvents Module Development

Thanks to those of you who reviewed the attributes and listing criteria for the CleanGredientsSM solvents module through our online survey last month. We are now reviewing that feedback and will reconvene the Solvents Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to make its final recommendations. Concurrently, our colleagues at the U.S. EPA DfE Program are finalizing the DfE Screen for solvents. In a few weeks, we will release the beta version of the complete solvents module. We will send an announcement as soon as the module is available online. In the meantime, please contact us with questions at info@cleangredients.org.

CleanGredientsSM Chelating Agents Module Development

The Chelating Agents Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is currently focused on gathering analytical test data on chelants and sequestrants that the U.S. EPA DfE Program can use for reference in the development of the DfE Screen for chelants and sequestrants. Feel free to contact us at info@cleangredients.org with questions or comments concerning the chelating agents module.

CleanGredientsSM Fragrances Module Development

The Fragrances TAC is nearing completion of the recommended criteria for the DfE Screen for Fragrances. With just dermal and respiratory sensitization to go, we expect to complete the criteria development in the coming weeks and to finalize the summary of agreements and associated guidance documents soon thereafter. Pending review and approval by EPA, we plan to pilot the DfE Screen for Fragrances by the end of June. Feel free to contact us at info@cleangredients.org with questions or comments on the fragrances module.

News and Outreach

Topher Buck will speak about CleanGredientsSM as part of the “Sustainability, Green Chemistry, and Environmental Issues” session at [SODEOPEC2008](#) in Lake Buena Vista, FL on Monday, 14 April. This session will also feature presentations by Libby Sommer of the U.S. EPA DfE Program and Teresa McGrath of NSF International. SODEOPEC2008 runs from 13-16 April.

Topher Buck will also present CleanGredientsSM at the United Soybean Board Coatings, Inks, and Solvents Technical Advisory Panel Meeting in Indianapolis, IN, 15-16 April.

A bipartisan group of senators recently introduced the [Green Chemistry Research & Development Act of 2008](#). This legislation would provide for the implementation of a Green Chemistry Research and Development Program and would create an interagency working group to advance research into environmentally friendly chemicals, as reported by [Chemical & Engineering News](#) on 05 March.

In February, GreenBiz.com published “The State of Green Business 2008.” The report examines how U.S. businesses are doing in their quest to be greener and more environmentally responsible and introduces 20 indicators of progress, including toxics intensity. [Download the report.](#)

For companies interested in improving not only their formulated products but also the packaging that contains them, the Sustainable Packaging Coalition, another project of GreenBlue, is holding its annual spring meeting in San Francisco on 2-4 April. The Sustainable Packaging Coalition is an industry working group with over 150 member companies, and the spring meeting is an educational event open to all interested in sustainable packaging issues. For more information, please visit the [SPC website](#).

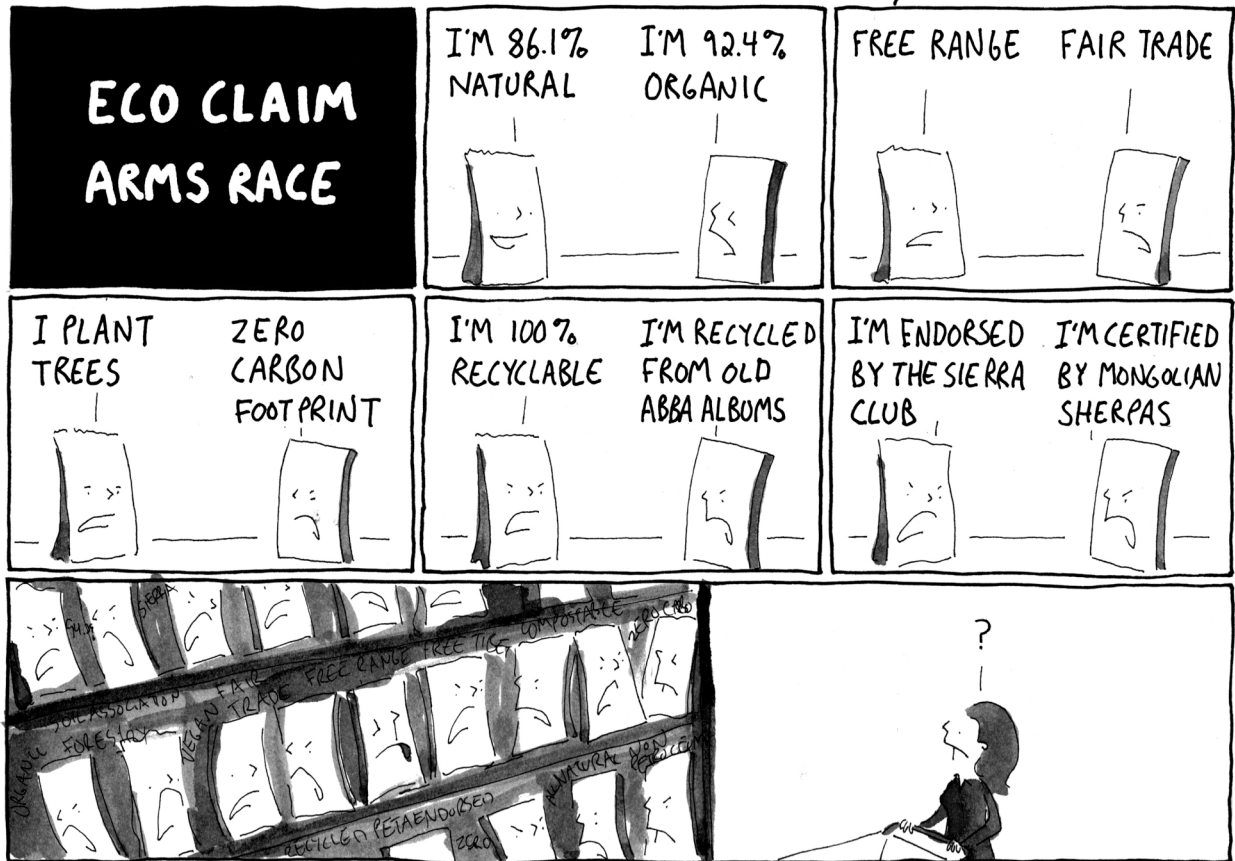
On 16 February, *The Toronto Star* featured green cleaning in its “Hot Home Products” section with the article, “Want to clean green? It’s not hard to do.” [Read the article](#).

On 18 February, *The Flint Journal* published the article, “Green clean: Eco crusade reaches home front,” about the latest green cleaning products on the market. [Read the article](#).

On a Lighter Note

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Upcoming Events of Interest

- *SODEOPEC2008 (Soaps, Detergents, Oleochemicals, and Personal Care Products)*
Hilton in the Walt Disney World Resort, Lake Buena Vista, FL
13-16 April 2008
- *Greener by Design 2008: Strategies, Tools, and Markets for Product Innovation*
Hilton Alexandria Mark, Alexandria, VA
12-13 June 2008
- *Green Chemistry in Education Workshop*
University of Oregon, Eugene, OR
15-20 June 2008
- *The 12th Annual Green Chemistry & Engineering Conference*
Capital Hilton, in Washington, DC
24-26 June 2008
- *20th Biennial Conference on Chemical Education*
Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
27-31 July 2008
- *Gordon Research Conference in Green Chemistry*
Bates College in Lewiston, ME
3-8 August 2008

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Thank you for your support of CleanGredientsSM, *the online resource for green formulationSM*.

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