



## DfE Green Formulation Initiative for I&I Cleaning Products Project Update 2 January 31, 2005

### Progress

A Request for Comments (RfC) focused on surfactants was sent to all committee volunteers and Project Associates on January 10, 2005. The deadline for comments is Feb 10, 2005. (If you need more time, please let us know as soon as possible.) A copy of the RfC can be downloaded from the GreenBlue website at <http://www.greenblue.org/dfefgi/rfc.pdf>.<sup>1</sup>

*THANK YOU!* to those of you who have already submitted comments. We strongly encourage all committee volunteers and Project Associates to comment. This is an important time for input. The attributes that we agree upon as important will become the basis for the ingredient chemical properties addressed in the database and the subsequent reporting format. The attributes reflect endpoints that are relevant to hazard assessment and environmental performance that are necessary for risk assessment, life cycle assessment and other activities that look at inherent chemical properties. If you have questions about the RfC please feel free to contact Lauren Heine at 434-817-1424 ext 305 or via email at [lauren.heine@greenblue.org](mailto:lauren.heine@greenblue.org).

### Next Steps

We will continue to compile and collect comments through February 10, 2005. At that time we will convene the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to use the comments to help prioritize ingredient classes for review, identify key attributes and criteria, and draft a database structure and reporting format.

Please note that we have made a change in the project committee structure. Rather than initiating separate Technical Advisory (TAC) and Strategic Applications Committees (SAC), we have combined all committee volunteers under the TAC. We will form subcommittees under the TAC to work on reporting formats, applications, etc. We believe this will ensure better coordination and communication.

### News and Outreach

L Heine is planning to present at the National Academies of Sciences on Feb 6-8 at a workshop entitled, **Critical Building Blocks and Tools for Sustainability in the Chemical Industry: Identifying an Agenda for National Research**. She will discuss the DfE Green Formulation Initiative project at the workshop.

On December 16, CM e-News Daily published an article on the DfE Green Formulation Initiative for I&I Products entitled "Green Chemical program progresses."

[http://www.cmmonline.com/News.asp?mode=4&N\\_ID=52041](http://www.cmmonline.com/News.asp?mode=4&N_ID=52041)

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<sup>1</sup> Information about the project can be found at [http://www.greenblue.org/activities\\_lead.htm#DFEGFI](http://www.greenblue.org/activities_lead.htm#DFEGFI)

On January 7, 2005, CM e-News Daily published an article about New York State Governor George Pataki who announced in his 2005 State of the State Address on Wednesday that he has signed an executive order mandating state agencies and authorities to use only non-toxic cleaning supplies, and that legislation is currently being created for a similar mandate concerning all New York State schools. See [http://www.cmmonline.com/news.asp?mode=4&n\\_ID=52387](http://www.cmmonline.com/news.asp?mode=4&n_ID=52387)

On January 11, 2005, CM e-News Daily published an article entitled "Green Chemical Program Seeks Input." [http://www.cmmonline.com/news.asp?mode=4&N\\_ID=52468](http://www.cmmonline.com/news.asp?mode=4&N_ID=52468)

[http://www.cmmonline.com/News.asp?mode=4&N\\_ID=52580](http://www.cmmonline.com/News.asp?mode=4&N_ID=52580) On January 15, 2005, CM e-News Daily published an article entitled, "JanSan group wants industry IAQ policy role"

We are very grateful for your interest and participation in this project.



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