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Welcome New CleanGredients Suppliers

27 chemical suppliers and well over 300 formulators now subscribe to CleanGredients. We are especially pleased to welcome Nease Corporation, Lambent Technologies, Colonial Chemical, Inc., Clariant Corporation and The Dow Chemical Company, the newest suppliers to subscribe to CleanGredients. Please visit our [subscribers page](#) to see which companies are using CleanGredients to improve their formulations.

CleanGredients Subscriber Survey Results

Thank you to all the subscribers who participated in the CleanGredients subscribers survey we distributed in January; we had an impressive number of responses! The feedback we received has been very helpful to us as we develop plans to improve the system, add new features and functionality and prioritize new areas of growth. While we were pleased to see that most users approved of the overall value and functionality of CleanGredients, your responses also allowed us to identify the areas that need the most improvement.

In the coming months, we will prioritize improving the site navigation and organization of information so users will have an easier time using the database. We plan to take all of the responses into account when planning future development and will report back to you, our users, as we implement changes and enhancements. Please continue to [let us know](#) how we can better serve you.

Ingredient Disclosure Makes Headlines

A group of NGOs recently announced that they were filing suit in New York State against four cleaning product

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Washington, DC

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manufacturers for failing to disclose the contents of their products. At issue in the suit is a 1976 New York law requiring manufacturers of “detergents and household cleansing products” to disclose the ingredients of their products sold in New York. A [Los Angeles Times article](#) was among the first to report the suit. For the plaintiffs’ perspective, see the [Earthjustice website](#). To read the Soap and Detergent Association’s response, on behalf of the defendants, visit the [SDA website](#). In a related story, the Clorox Company, which was not named in the NY lawsuit, recently signaled that by the end of this year it will publish lists of ingredients that constitute one percent or more, by weight, of all the household and industrial cleaning, disinfecting and auto-care products it sells in the U.S. and Canada. Read [Clorox’s press release](#) on CSR Wire.

Updated Version of the DfE Screen for Solvents Now Available

During the U.S. EPA’s internal review of the draft DfE Screen for Fragrances and the DfE General Screen for Safer Ingredients, it was recommended that a bioconcentration factor (BCF) or bioaccumulation factor (BAF) of 1000 should be the upper limit across the range of aquatic toxicity and persistence. Therefore, the EPA has revised the allowable BCF/BAF values in the DfE Screen for Solvents to harmonize it with the General Screen and draft Fragrances Screen. When reviewing this updated version, please note that under the environmental toxicity and fate criteria, the BCF/BAF threshold value has been changed to 1000 for all aquatic toxicity levels. Previously, this threshold for chemicals with low aquatic toxicity (LC50>100 ppm) was 5000.

The EPA also refined the language for persistence (biodegradation) for environmental toxicity and fate to indicate that the test methods being referred to are ready biodegradation tests. Additional minor changes included refinement of the term “no observed adverse effect level” (NOAEL) to include “no observed adverse effect concentration” (NOAEC), inclusion of the National Toxicology Program’s study protocol for cancer under preferred protocols for carcinogenicity, and clarification that an estimated BAF is preferred over a BCF. To review the updated version of the DfE Screen for Solvents, please visit the [DfE website](#).

Articles of Interest

[Downstream Users Emerge As Key Industry Players In TSCA Debate](#)

InsideEPA.com Insider
6 March 2009

[House Hearing Launches Lengthy Process to Weigh Chemical Reform](#)

InsideEPA.com Insider
3 March 2009

[Jackson Suggests PMN Process As Chemicals Management Model](#)

InsideEPA.com Insider
3 March 2009

[When It Comes to Detergents, What's the Least Irresponsible Choice?](#)

The New York Times
25 February 2009

[Simple Elixir Called a 'Miracle Liquid'](#)

Los Angeles Times
23 February 2009

[Groups to Sue Cleaning Product Makers for Ingredient Disclosure](#)

Los Angeles Times
18 February 2009

[Cheap Cleaning Products, Toxic Homes](#)

New America Media
16 February 2009

[Companies With a Commitment to Sustainability Tend to Outperform Their Peers During the Financial Crisis](#)

MSNBC
9 February 2009

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