



DfE Green Formulation Initiative for I&I Cleaning Products Project Update 3 February, 2005

Progress

THANK YOU! to the many of you who submitted thoughtful and helpful responses to the Request for Comments (RfC) sent out on January 10, 2005. The deadline for comments was initially set for Feb 10, 2005. Because a number of people asked for extensions to the deadline, we will be **accepting comments until March 10, 2005**. After that, comments on the RfC will no longer be accepted. There will be more opportunities for input as work products are further developed. A copy of the RfC can be downloaded from the GreenBlue website at <http://www.greenblue.org/dfefgi/>.

Next Steps

We are currently compiling the comments and condensing them into a usable format. We are also preparing a Charter for the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) that outlines the goals and specific tasks, roles, responsibilities and estimated time commitment. We will be sending this out to all TAC volunteers to reconfirm their commitment and to set a date for our initial meeting (teleconference) which will be scheduled toward the end of March. The TAC will help to design the information interface and reporting formats (CleanGredients.org), further refine the attributes and criteria for the database and decide on data requirements (i.e., sources, test methods, verification, etc.). We are also preparing “straw” display templates to support the TAC’s efforts.

News and Outreach

L. Heine presented at a workshop entitled, **Critical Building Blocks and Tools for Sustainability in the Chemical Industry: Identifying an Agenda for National Research** at the National Academies of Sciences on Feb 6-8 where she discussed the DfE Green Formulation Initiative project. A number of the workshop presentations are now online at (http://www7.nationalacademies.org/bcst/Agenda_SUS.html). Presentations that may be of particular interest to formulators include discussion of a potential new chemical platform by Douglas Cameron of Cargill and discussion of the use of enzymes by Glenn Nedwin of Novozymes – both with cleaning applications.

We are grateful to C&E News for providing a free link to a very timely and relevant article on Material Safety Data Sheets published on February 7, 2005 by Stephen K. Ritter (Vol. 83, Number 6, pp 24-2) called, *“Material Safety Data Sheets Eyed: MSDSs continue to be criticized for inaccuracies, but improvements are in the works”*. You can access this article directly by clicking on <http://pubs.acs.org/cen/government/8306/8306gov1.html>

Also of interest is an article entitled, *“Survey: How many use green products/procedures?”* published by CM Cleaning & Maintenance Management online: Kris Ross Assoc. Editor; 2/14/2005. http://www.cmmonline.com/news.asp?mode=4&N_ID=53188

We are grateful for your interest and participation in this project. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions.

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