



DfE Green Formulation Initiative for I&I Cleaning Products Project Update 5 April, 2005

Progress

The full Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is currently meeting every 3 weeks. In April, that meant meetings on April 5 and April 26. Members of the TAC have divided into two task teams that meet between full TAC meetings. The **Attributes and Criteria Task Team (A&C)** is currently defining the criteria and test methods that will be used to assess aquatic toxicity and biodegradability for surfactants. The U.S. EPA has agreed to review surfactant aquatic toxicity data and to provide modeled aquatic toxicity information when desired. Modeled data are useful to support limited test data. The A&C Task Team is also defining the cutoffs against which these attributes can be evaluated, for example, against Globally Harmonized System criteria or eco-labeling requirements.

The **Reporting Formats Task Team (RF)** is working on defining:

1. What fields users should be able to search by
2. What users will see when the search comes back
3. How the interface will connect users and suppliers.

The Reporting Formats Task Team has recommended that the database should help to point to the ingredients and manufacturers that are potentially useful for green formulation – rather than attempt to be a comprehensive database of all surfactants and other ingredients. In addition, the focus is on providing key data rather than ranking or scoring ingredients based on attributes.

The TAC is basing their recommendations on the comments received in response to the Request for Comments (RfC) sent to all Project Associates in January and also on their own experience and expertise. The responses to the Request for Comments are available for review at <http://www.greenblue.org/dfefgi/tac.htm>. The documents are entitled Compiled Comments (long!) and Summary of Comments (condensed version).

The TAC is chaired by **John (Jack) Hamilton of JohnsonDiversey, Inc.** The Assistant Chair is **Lauren Heine of GreenBlue.**

Next Steps

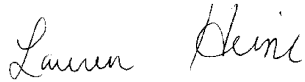
1. Designing and constructing the website, www.CleanGredients.org where the database will be hosted.
2. Continuing to define all the attributes that will be included for surfactants and the criteria and test methods that will be used to assess them.
3. Continuing to review green formulation programs and database models and to work on mock ups to define the database structure and search functionalities.
4. Determining how to present both the data and relevant information such as eco-label and regulatory requirements to be most useful to formulators.

News and Outreach

Lauren Heine will present an update on the DfE Green Formulation Initiative at the Upcoming ISSA (International Sanitary Supply Association) Legislative and Regulatory Forum on May 19 at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, VA. See: <http://dvnewsmaker.digivis.com/issa/>
An excellent summary of key news reports related to green cleaning can also be found at this ISSA website.

You may also be interested in an article that was published on April 21 in the Chicago Tribune about the impact of disposable wipes on the solid waste stream in the US:
<http://www.fortwayne.com/mld/newssentinel/living/11451148.htm>

We are grateful for your interest and participation in this project. Please feel free to contact me with questions or comments.



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