



Business and NGO Forum on Safer Chemicals Policy Reform

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Purpose

The Business and NGO Forum on Safer Chemicals Policy Reform will gather business leaders and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in Washington, D.C. to discuss how proposed federal legislation to overhaul the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976 (TSCA) can meet the needs of and create new opportunities for downstream users of chemicals.

In examining the pending reform of federal chemicals policy, the purpose of this forum is to:

- Hear the perspective of legislators, regulators and environmental public health advocates.
- Discuss the needs of downstream users, including the need for better data and transparency regarding chemicals in the supply chain.
- Discuss the opportunities and challenges that safer chemicals reform presents to downstream businesses, including the potential market advantage or disruption of transitioning away from chemicals of concern.
- Explore the common policy interests among downstream users of chemicals and between businesses and NGOs.

Agenda

- 8:00 Continental Breakfast**
- 9:00 Welcome**
- **Mark Rossi**, Chair, Business-NGO Working Group
 - **Roger McFadden**, Vice President and Senior Scientist, Staples, Inc.
- 9:20 Keynote—Bob Sussman, Senior Counsel to the Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**
- 10:30 Break**
- 10:45 Robin Appleberry, Counsel, House Energy and Commerce Committee**
- 11:30 Safer Chemicals Reform Bills**
- OVERVIEW—**Richard Denison**, Senior Scientist, Environmental Defense Fund
- Commentators
- **Helen Holder**, Corporate Material Selection Manager, Hewlett-Packard
 - **Robin Guenther**, Principal, Perkins+Will
- 12:30 Lunch**
- 1:30 Increasing Transparency Across the Supply Chain**
- MODERATOR—**Mike Belliveau**, Executive Director, Environmental Health Strategy Center
- **Ryan Williams**, Good Cop, Method
 - **Joel Sigler**, Manager, Environmental, Healthy, and Safety, Eastern Region, Kaiser Permanente
 - **Mary Ellen Mika**, Supply Chain Management, Steelcase, Inc.
- 3:00 Break**
- 3:30 Avoiding Chemicals of High Concern and Promoting Safer Alternatives**
- MODERATOR—**David Levine**, Co-Founder, American Sustainable Business Council
- **Rachelle Wenger**, Director, Public Policy & Community Advocacy, Catholic Healthcare West
 - **Howard Williams**, Vice President, Construction Specialties, Inc.
 - **Jeffrey Hollender**, Co-founder, Seventh Generation, Inc.
- 5:00 Closing Remarks**
- **Patricia Beattie**, President, Arcalis Scientific (formerly Director, Chemical Risk Management, Environmental Services, General Motors)
 - **Andy Igrejas**, National Campaign Director, Safer Chemicals, Healthy Families
- 5:30 Reception**