

Draft Notes

HPV Conference Steering Committee

Connecting Toxicity and Environmental Data Subcommittee Conference Call

Monday, August 14, 2006

Participants: David Long, SC Johnson; Lynda Knobeloch, WI DHFS; Karen Hoffman and Christina Thompson, EPA; Jennifer Griffith and Terri Goldberg, NEWMOA

The call began with a summary of the status of overall conference planning by Terri Goldberg. The near-final agenda and conference registration should be posted on the website in early September. Terri noted that she will probably convene conference call of the whole Steering Committee in September to firm up the agenda. She noted that there is a plan to have an exhibit area, and asked the participants to start thinking about possible exhibits.

Proposals for Presentations under the Connecting Data Track

Overall, only three proposals were submitted for the Connecting Data track, and one has been moved to the Data Use track (i.e., the animal testing proposal). Two of the funded research projects are also under this track and will make a strong session. The Data Accessibility track also had only a few presentations proposals, so the current thinking is to combine these two tracks, so the conference has 3 tracks instead of 4.

Participants felt that the proposals that were submitted were appropriate, but would like to see if BBL proposal could be better linked to HPV. Same with the TRIDS tool. BBL Sciences is in Syracuse, NY.

The participants brainstormed the following ideas for additional presentations:

- SC Johnson could probably present on their use of PBT Profiler to screen all its raw materials. David Long noted that the Fragrance Products Information Network work is very interesting, done mainly for REACH, and could complement his proposed presentation.
- How about HPV chemicals in the environment – USGS monitoring – what has shown up and where? Does it confirm or conflict with fate predictions in HPV IS? Terri volunteered to contact the person who presented on pharmaceuticals in waterways to see if anyone can do this: Herbert Buxton, USGS (609) 771-3944.
- Endocrine disrupters (EDs) – there is a new test method – some HPV chemicals have been identified as potential EDs. Tom Osimitz is a consultant with Science Strategies and has done a lot of work (434) 817-1424, ext. 444). Also – Henry in WI has done work. Terri will contact both.
- How about Design for the Environment (DfE) – how do they go about evaluating products? What databases do they use? What do they base their decisions on? Can EPA see if they could present?

There was some discussion of the limitations of screening data for risk assessment. EPA plans to incorporate this issue into the HPV background and basics session they are working to develop.

Next Steps

The following were the next steps identified by the group:

- Terri and Jennifer will revise the draft straw agenda to reflect the results of the conference call, particularly combining the Data Accessibility and Connecting Data Sources
- Terri and Jennifer will contact the individuals and groups that submitted proposals that the Subcommittee recommended for inclusion in the conference agenda
- Dave will follow-up on his ideas for a presentation on the use of the PBT profiler at SC Johnson and get back to Terri
- Terri will look into contacts at the USGS for a presentation on their efforts
- Dave, Terri and Jennifer will follow-up on the idea for the ED presentation/s
- Christina and Karen will contact the EPA DFE program to see if they can make a presentation on their efforts with the chemical industry
- Terri will reconvene the whole Steering Committee for a call in September to firm up and finalize the agenda