

2008 TOXICS CONFERENCE

PUBLIC HEALTH & THE ENVIRONMENT

September 12, 2008

Mezzanine Level - World Trade Center - Portland Oregon

- Federal & State Policies & Laws Addressing Toxics
- Proposed Legislation for the 1009 Legislative Session
- Municipalities' Responses
- Water Quality Standards & Fish Consumption
- Comprehensive Chemical Reform
- Pesticides & Pharmaceuticals
- Recent Research on Toxics & Public Health
- What Approach Should We Take in Addressing Toxics?

8:00-8:15 REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:15 INTRODUCTION & CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

Holly Duncan, President

Environmental Law Education Center

8:15-8:45 PUBLIC HEALTH & TOXIC EXPOSURE

- Oregon's Strategy to Protect the Public's Health from Toxic Exposures
- Policies, Initiatives, Legislation Addressing Toxics
- Assuring Safe Drinking Water in Oregon

Gail R. Shibley, Administrator

Environmental Public Health, Public Health Division

Oregon Department of Human Services

8:45-9:15 TOXICS IN THE ENVIRONMENT

- Oregon's Directions on Toxics in the Environment
- Proposed Legislation for the 2009 Legislative Session
- Producer Responsibility/Product Stewardship & Other Toxics Reduction Efforts

Wendy Wiles, Administrator

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

9:15-9:45 FEDERAL POLICY ON TOXICS

- Toxics & the Clean Water Act
- Fish Consumption & Other Emerging Issues
- Reducing Toxics in the Columbia River Basin

Mary Lou Soscia, Columbia River Coordinator

US Environmental Protection Agency

9:45-10:15 BREAK

10:15-11:00 MUNICIPALITIES' RESPONSES

- How Are Municipalities Addressing Toxics & Emerging Contaminants?
- Comprehensive Toxics Reduction Strategies: Pretreatment & Fish Consumption
- Follow up to SB 737 – Preliminary Report on Impact of Toxics Reduction Plans
- Pharmaceuticals Take-Back Program

Janet Gillaspie, Executive Director

Oregon Association of Clean Water Agencies

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Peter Ruffier

City of Eugene Wastewater Division

11:00-11:30 TOXICS AND THE LAW

- Federal & State Laws Addressing Toxics
- Legal Implications for Oregon's Toxics Reduction Efforts
- Water Quality Standards and Oregon's Fish Consumption Rate

Aaron Courtney
Stoel Rives LLP

11:30-12:00 STATE TOXICS REDUCTION EFFORTS

- Current and Planned Oregon DEQ Toxics Reduction Activities
- Collaborative Partnerships to Reduce Pesticides and Other Toxics in the Environment
- State Chemical Policy and Green Chemistry Initiatives

Kevin Masterson, Agency Toxics Coordinator
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

12:00-1:00 LUNCH (Provided)

1:00-1:30 COMPREHENSIVE CHEMICAL REFORM

- What is Green Chemistry and What are the Safer Alternatives?
- Children's Safe Product Act of 2008

Renee Hackenmiller-Paradis, PhD, MPH
Toxics and Environmental Health Program Director
Oregon Environmental Council

1:30-2:00 INDUSTRY RESPONSE

- Green Chemistry & Environmental Stewardship
- Creating Non-Toxic Alternatives
- A Success Story for Environmental Innovation

Elizabeth Whalen, Director of Corporate Sustainability
Columbia Forest Products

2:00-2:30 RECENT RESEARCH ON TOXICS AND PUBLIC HEALTH

- Why Are Emerging Toxics of Concern
- Pharmaceuticals, Water & Public Health
- Endocrine Disruptors and Research on Children's Health

Deanna Conners, PhD, Public Health Toxicologist
Office of Environmental Public Health
Oregon Department of Human Services

2:30-3:00 BREAK

3:00-4:00 WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? – A PANEL DISCUSSION

- With the Available Technical Data, Existing Policies and Laws Regulating Toxics, What Approach Should We Take in Addressing Toxics?

Moderator: Mary Lou Soscia, US EPA
Kevin Masterson, Oregon DEQ
Deanna Conners, PhD, Oregon Department of Human Services
Renee Hackenmiller-Paradis, Oregon Environmental Council
Elizabeth Whalen, Columbia Forest Products
Peter Ruffier, City of Eugene