



What's New at SCP

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Welcome to the Safer Consumer Products (SCP) Newsletter!

Our program works to protect Californians and the environment by identifying harmful chemicals in everyday products and advancing safer alternatives. As we welcome the spring season, we are reminded of the importance of preserving California's natural beauty and the health of our communities. In this issue, you'll find updates on our ongoing research, regulations, and outreach activities that are helping move the marketplace towards safer solutions. To learn more about all we're working on, check out the [SCP Timeline](#).



Priority Product Regulation on Nail Products with MMA Goes into Effect

Effective April 1, 2026, we [finalized a regulation](#) listing nail products containing methyl methacrylate (MMA) at concentrations greater than 1,000 parts per million (ppm) as a Priority Product under the Safer Consumer Products Regulations. We have determined that exposure to MMA from nail products may contribute to or cause significant or widespread adverse impacts to Californians, including sensitive subpopulations (e.g., nail salon workers, pregnant people and their fetuses). These concerns are described in the [Product-Chemical Profile for Nail Products Containing MMA](#). More information on this regulation can be found by visiting the [SCP website](#).

Takes about 15 minutes

Your Voice Matters! SCP is Seeking Participants for Personal Care Product Research Questionnaire



We want to hear from you! We're looking for people of all ages, genders, and backgrounds to fill out a research questionnaire about what products you use, where you shop for them, and what drives your buying decisions. The more people who participate, the bigger the impact we can make together! Here's what you need to know:

- ⌚ Takes about 15 minutes
- 🌐 Available in English and Spanish
- 🛡️ Completely anonymous
- 📍 Open to California residents only
- 📅 Open through May 30, 2026

Don't keep it to yourself — share this with your friends, family, and colleagues!

Now Available — Summary of Research Findings on Intimate Care Products

We've got new research to share! DTSC recently released a new report — [Summary of Research Findings on Candidate Chemicals in Intimate Care Products](#) — and it's now live on our website. We evaluated the literature and data on the Candidate Chemicals found in intimate care products to figure out whether any specific product-chemical combinations



need closer regulation to better protect public health and the environment. Want to read the full report and learn more? Head over to our new Vaginal Care Products webpage for all the details.

SCP Proposes Two New Priority Products

In February 2026, we released draft product-chemical profiles for [floor maintenance products containing perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances \(PFASs\)](#) and [preservatives in leave-on products](#). The draft Profiles outline the scientific basis for proposing to list these product-chemical combinations as Priority Products under the Safer Consumer Products Regulations. [Public workshops](#) were held in March 2026, and DTSC is now reviewing all comments received. For more information on future project milestones or to review the profiles, visit the SCP Timeline or the [SCP Priority Product website](#).



Rulemaking to Add Certain Acids and Bases to the Candidate Chemicals List Begins

In February 2026, we initiated [rulemaking](#) to add 12 acids and bases to the Candidate Chemicals List under the Safer Consumer Products Regulations. These chemicals were identified for their potential for widespread exposure and their ability to cause a range of adverse health impacts.

Adding these chemicals to the Candidate Chemicals List will enable us to evaluate consumer products containing these substances and determine whether further action is warranted. Adding chemicals to the Candidate Chemicals List does not create new

regulatory obligations for businesses or manufacturers.

For more information on this action, including the full list of chemicals proposed for listing, please visit the [certain acids and bases](#) webpage.



A Decision on Styrene in Children's Products

SCP has published the [Styrene in Children's Products Decision Document](#), marking an important milestone in our ongoing evaluation of Candidate Chemicals in children's products. This decision follows a high level review of styrene, phthalates, and formaldehyde in a wide range of children's products—from toys and personal care items to car seats and play equipment. We did not identify clear evidence of exposures to styrene from children's products at levels that may have adverse impacts on children's health. Our research on ortho-phthalates and formaldehyde is still ongoing.

For additional information, visit SCP's [Early-stage Projects](#) webpage.



It's Done! SCP Finalizes Regulation Clarifying Compliance Options

Effective March 23, 2026, we finalized a regulation detailing the ways in which importers can comply with the Safer Consumer Products Regulations when required to do so if a Priority Product manufacturer fails to comply. These amendments to the SCP Regulations provide clarity and predictability. Importers do not need to take any action as a result of this regulation. For more information on this action, please visit the SCP's [Regulations webpage](#).

15-Day Comment Period on Modified Regulatory Proposal to List Manual Dish Detergents and Shampoo Containing 1,4-Dioxane

On April 24, 2026, we initiated modifications to the rulemaking listing manual dish detergents and shampoo containing 1,4-dioxane at concentrations greater than 1 part per million (ppm) as Priority Products. The modifications to the proposed regulations include:

- Adding subsections 69511.11(c)(9) and 69511.12(c)(9) to more accurately communicate DTSC's determination that 1,4-dioxane is a persistent, mobile, and toxic chemical.
- Adding the species of observation to the associated toxicological endpoints where applicable.

To view the proposed regulations and supporting documents, please visit the [SCP website](#).

Have questions? Reach out to us at SaferConsumerProducts@dtsc.ca.gov.



April/May 2026 Green Ribbon Science Panel Meeting Recap

The Green Ribbon Science Panel (GRSP) convened on April 30 and May 1, 2026, for a highly productive two-day meeting. Bringing together leading scientific experts, interested parties stakeholders, and DTSC staff, the GRSP provided critical guidance and advice to the Safer Consumer Products Program on a range of pressing issues at the forefront of consumer product safety, green chemistry, and environmental protection. The topics discussed included:

-  *SCP Program Updates & 2027-2029 Work Plan* – Provided regulatory implementation updates and information on the upcoming Priority Product Work Plan
-  *Retailer Engagement & Green Chemistry* – Discussed alignment of retailer initiatives with SCP's safer chemicals goals
-  *Alternatives Analysis Compliance Pathways & Impact* – Explored pathways to help manufacturers avoid regrettable chemical substitutions
-  *Hazardous Waste Reduction & SCP Metrics* – Examined collaboration opportunities between SCP and Hazardous Waste Reduction Program
-  *SCP Metrics* – Considered potential SCP performance metrics

For more information on the GRSP panel and meeting, visit the [SCP website](#).

Keep In Touch!

Thank you for reading SCP's quarterly newsletter! We look forward to sharing more updates with you as we work to make consumer products safer.

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Thank you for your interest and participation in Safer Consumer Products!