



## ECOS Cross-Media Committee Strategic Priorities – 2008

### ECOS Priority #1 - Promote strong federal budget support for state agencies

- Advocate for adequate federal funding to accompany the implementation of state environmental programs.
- Encourage the federal government to address the science (e.g., toxicity, cancer factors, etc. and acceptable levels of human and environmental receptor exposure) for emerging contaminants because many states do not have the resources to conduct this analysis individually.

### ECOS Priority #2 - Advocate the role of States as co-regulators and pursue oversight reform

- Encourage states to work together on product bans and to continue to go beyond federal requirements when federal rules provide inadequate public health and environmental protections.

### ECOS Priority #3 - Champion burden reduction, flexibility, and streamlining processes to focus on environmental results

- Continue to work with USEPA's Office of Policy Economics and Innovation (OPEI) on innovations and streamlining of federal programs.
- Continue to develop credits associated with Element 13.

### ECOS Priority #4 - Advise on policy positions regarding national environmental issues

- Advocate areas in which the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) may be improved.
- Consider taking a position on the authorization of the Green Chemistry Act.

### ECOS Priority #5 - Seek and promote innovation

- Encourage states to participate in the ECOS Lean Government Project aimed at achieving administrative efficiencies in state environmental agencies and energy and environmental management savings in private companies through the implementation of business process improvement techniques including Kaizen, Six Sigma and Value Stream Mapping.
- Update the Innovations Action Plan originally developed by the CMC two years ago.

### ECOS Priority #6 - Review proposed EPA regulations and policies

- Review the use of computational chemistry tools to evaluate chemicals for potential toxicity as a substitute for traditional chemistry (e.g., USEPA's ToxCast™ Program, <http://www.epa.gov/NCCT/toxcast/>)
- Review and consult with EPA on the development of related TSCA initiatives including the High Production Volume Initiative and the North American Partnership to Strengthen Management of Industrial Chemicals.