

**Speaker Panel on the Prospects for TSCA Reform**  
**as part of the agenda for the**  
**Environmental Council of the States (ECOS) Cross-Media Committee Meeting**  
September 26, 2011                      10:15am to 11:15am (Eastern)  
Indianapolis, Indiana                      JW Marriott Hotel—Grand Ballroom 3&4

***“Toxic Substances Control Act Modernization:  
Perspectives from Business, Government and Nongovernmental Organizations”***

***A panel representing leaders from the business, government and non-profit communities related to improving our nation’s chemical management system through reform of the Toxic Substances Control Act***

The panel will be chaired by **Ted Sturdevant**, Director, Washington State Dept. of Ecology.

**Speakers CONFIRMED**

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Panel Presentations (10 minutes each, followed by 10 minutes of Q&A)

- **Wendy Cleland-Hamnett**, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- **Ted Sturdevant**, Washington State Dept. of Ecology
- **Jeff Gearhart**, The Ecology Center of Ann Arbor, Michigan
- **Sarah H. Brozena**, The American Chemistry Council
- **Julie Froelicher**, The Proctor & Gamble Company

**Background**

Chemicals regulation is changing in this country, and bigger changes could be on the way. Bills were introduced in both the Senate and the House during the last Congress to overhaul the Toxic Substances Control Act. However, although there is broad agreement that TSCA needs to be modernized, the bills contained key differences on the details, and they did not come up for a vote. Now, members in leadership positions in both parties in the 112th Congress, along with representatives from industry and environmental groups, have voiced support for reform, including holding Senate hearings and ongoing stakeholder meetings. Indeed, TSCA reform has been identified as a possible area for environmental action in Congress.

In the meantime, state legislatures have stepped up regulation of chemicals in the absence of new Federal legislation. EPA is using its authority under the existing statute, including developing rules to address several chemicals - including mercury, flame retardants, perfluorinated chemicals, and products of nanotechnology. EPA just finalized a new rule to substantially increase chemical reporting under the TSCA Inventory Update Rule and a number of other actions. Over the past two years, the agency has, in addition, issued significant new policies for reviewing claims of confidential business information (CBI). Simply put, there is more activity under TSCA than at any time in the last two decades.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this panel is to gain perspectives from the key stakeholders on what’s needed to improve our chemicals management system and the areas of common ground:

- Share perspective on key TSCA reform provisions.
- Gain knowledge of best practices in effective managing chemicals in products.
- Discuss opportunities for businesses, government and NGOs to collaborate on legislation.