Cleaning Product Ingredient Disclosure

In NEW YORK STATE
Evolution of Chemicals Policy

End-of Pipe controls & Superfund (1970’s – 80’s)

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Pollution Prevention (1990’s)
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► Is there a safer, more environmentally friendly alternative?
► Is it technically feasible and effective?
► Is it available on the market at a competitive cost?
Ingredient Disclosure

► What chemicals do we know, or have reason to believe, are hazardous?

► What products contain such chemicals?
Alternatives Assessment

► What are the alternatives to a hazardous chemical, and how safe are they?
► How can we screen chemicals more quickly?
What Can Government Do?

► Require ingredient disclosure

► Create guidelines for alternatives assessment

► Provide P2 assistance

► Buy green products
NYS State Cleaning Product Ingredient Disclosure

Ingredient disclosure law and regs enacted in 1970s

NYS Green Cleaning Law enacted 2005; effective 2006

EO 4, Green Procurement and Agency Sustainability, signed 2008, continued 2011
GOALS

► Provide useful information to New Yorkers
► Avoid compromising confidential business information
► Allow for easy access, synthesis and analysis
► Minimize burden on manufacturers
In General

- CAS #, name (where not CBI)
- Content by weight (in ranges)
- Presence on lists of chemicals of concern
Biggest Issues

► Uniform categories of products
► Trace ingredients
► Fragrances
► Lists of chemicals of concern
► Company websites vs. centralized database
► Format for reporting
Questions to Discuss

► How best to make reporting uniform with other requirements & build on existing models
► Balancing flexibility with access and ease of analysis
Questions to Discuss

► How to address fragrances
► How to identify chemicals of concern

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