# Consideration of Potential Designated Chemicals Overview

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# Designated chemicals

- "...known to, or strongly suspected of, adversely impacting human health or development, based upon scientific, peerreviewed animal, human, or in vitro studies..."
- Chemicals in CDC National Reports on Human Exposure to Environmental Chemicals are designated
- SGP may recommend additional designated chemicals

#### **CDC Chemicals**

Additions following DC Criteria

Designated Chemicals

Selections following PC Criteria

Biomonitored Chemicals

Priority Chemicals

Feasibility/Resources

DC = Designated Chemicals

PC = Priority Chemicals

# Criteria for recommending additional designated chemicals

- Exposure or potential exposure to the public or specific subgroups.
- The *known or suspected health effects* resulting from some level of exposure based on peer-reviewed scientific studies.
- The *need to assess the efficacy of public health actions* to reduce exposure to a chemical.
- The availability of a biomonitoring analytical method with adequate accuracy, precision, sensitivity, specificity, and speed.
- The availability of adequate biospecimen samples.
- The *incremental analytical cost* to perform the biomonitoring analysis for the chemical.

### Purpose of today's agenda item

Follow up on potential designated chemicals identified by SGP at June meeting:

Diesel exhaust Methylsiloxanes

Flame retardants Plasticizers

Antibiotics in animal husbandry Vanadium

Hormones in animal husbandry Pesticides

- Brief presentation on potential designated chemicals, panel discussion, public comment
- Panel recommendations on potential designated chemicals

## Chemical Selection Workgroup

- Workgroup formed at June SGP meeting
  - Five meetings since June SGP (approximately monthly)
  - Coordinated by OEHHA

#### Workgroup members:

- Dr. Ulrike Luderer
- Dr. Thomas McKone
- Dr. Gina Solomon
- Dr. Michael Wilson
- CECBP staff from OEHHA, CDPH, and DTSC

## Workgroup activities

- Explored potential designated chemical groups identified by SGP at June meeting
- Gathered information
- Crafted draft documents
  - Drafts were brought to Workgroup for comment and revision
  - Drafts then sent to wider biomonitoring inter-agency group (CDPH, DTSC, OEHHA) for further review before being released to the public

# Potential designated chemical documents

- Goal to produce concise documents
- Documents do not represent comprehensive literature reviews
  - Relied on selected primary literature and secondary sources
  - Experts were also consulted on specific technical issues
- Provide SGP with adequate information to inform discussion regarding chemical designation

# Potential designated chemical documents (cont.)

- Documents produced on six potential designated chemicals or groups of chemicals, as shown on the agenda
- Documents highlight information relevant to the 6 criteria for chemical designation
  - Exposure or potential exposure
  - Known or suspected health effects
  - Need to assess efficacy of public health actions
  - · Laboratory considerations: method, biospecimen, cost

## Workgroup outcome

- No decisions were made in the Workgroup regarding designation of chemicals
- Documents generated by the Workgroup will be presented and discussed today
- Workgroup activities are concluded