

**Workshop on Selecting Chemicals to Biomonitor
California Environmental Contaminant Biomonitoring Program**

June 9, 2008, 9:00 am – 3:15 pm – REVISED May 27, 2008

Elihu M. Harris State Office Building, 1515 Clay Street, 2nd Floor, Room 1, Oakland, CA 94612

There will be opportunities for the public to ask questions and comment during the workshop.

♦ **9:00 am – Welcome**

Joan Denton, Ph.D., Director, Cal/EPA Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA)

Workshop Overview

Lauren Zeise, Ph.D., OEHHA

♦ **9:15 am – Description of Biomonitoring Programs**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

John Osterloh, M.D., M.S., CDC National Center of Environmental Health, Division of Laboratory Sciences

Canada

Douglas Haines, M.S., Health Canada's Safe Environments Programme

10:30 – 10:45 am – Break

German Federal Environmental Agency

Kerstin Becker, Ph.D., German Environmental Hygiene Department

Marika Kolossa, Ph.D., German Environmental Hygiene Department

Discussion

♦ **11:45 am – Lunch (on your own)**

♦ **12:45 pm – Discussion on Selection of Chemicals and Other Biomarkers**

Moderator, Michael Lipsett, M.D., California Department of Public Health

2:00 – 2:15 pm – Break

♦ **3:10 pm – Conclusion**

George V. Alexeeff, Ph.D., D.A.B.T., OEHHA Deputy Director for Scientific Affairs

♦ **3:15 pm – Workshop Adjourned**

California Environmental Contaminant Biomonitoring Program Workshop on Chemical Selection

The California Environmental Contaminant Biomonitoring Program (CECBP) was established in legislation (SB 1379, Perata, 2006) to measure levels of environmental chemicals in California residents. The Program will systematically collect biological specimens, such as blood and urine, from California residents and to analyze them for the presence of designated environmental chemicals in order to:

- 1) Determine levels of environmental chemicals in a representative sample of Californians;
- 2) Establish trends in the levels of these chemicals over time;
- 3) Assess the effectiveness of public health efforts and regulatory programs to reduce exposures of Californians to specific chemicals
- 4) Provide opportunities for meaningful public participation through activities and materials that are understandable and sensitive to the diverse needs of Californians.

Workshop Objectives

The CECBP Workshop on Chemical Selection will feature representatives from U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, European and Canadian biomonitoring programs. During the workshop, participants will:

1. Hear from representatives from existing biomonitoring programs about chemical selection and other aspects of their programs.
2. Explore the rationale and criteria used to select chemicals for biomonitoring.

A meeting of the CECBP Scientific Guidance Panel will be held following the workshop on June 10 and includes agenda items on chemical selection for the CECBP.

Participation and Comment

Members of the public and representatives of organizations are invited to attend and participate in the workshop. The workshop is free to the public and no registration is required.

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