



Role of the Scientific Guidance Panel and Public Participation and Environmental Justice Elements at Panel Meetings

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Agenda item

- Role of Scientific Guidance Panel in CECBP
- Public Participation and Environmental Justice Elements at Panel meetings

Role of Scientific Guidance Panel

(SB 1379, H&SC Chapter 8 Section 105449(a))

“regarding design and implementation of the Program...

the Panel shall...

- Provide scientific peer review
- Make recommendations

“including specific recommendations for

- Chemicals that are priorities for biomonitoring in California

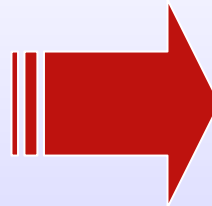
Program Elements – Priorities for SGP Peer Review and Recommendations

- Chemical/Analyte and Biospecimen Selection
- Study/Sampling Design
- Results Analysis and Reporting
- Research
- Communication of Results
- Public Participation

Early SGP Guidance Needed on Chemical/Analyte Selection

Two Step Process

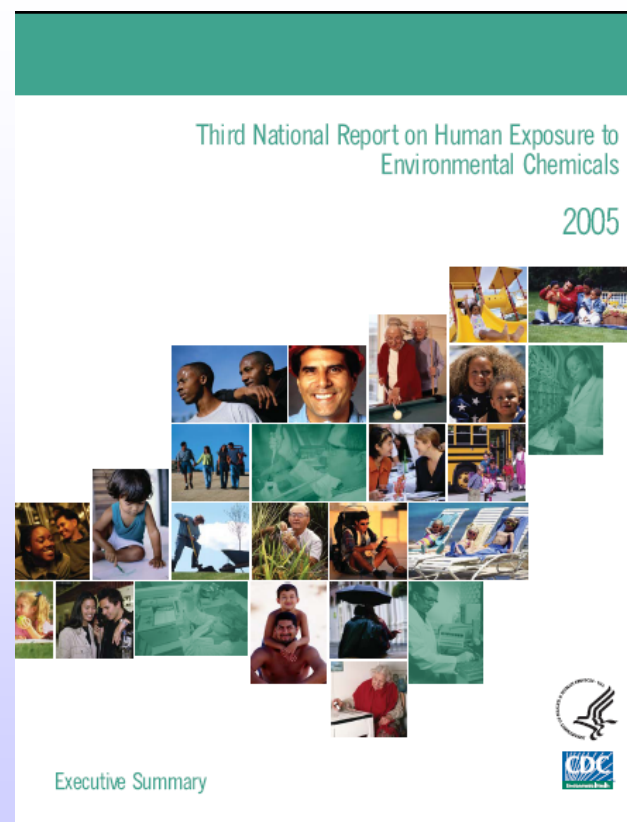
Identify
“Designated
Chemicals”



Recommend
Priorities for
Biomonitoring in
California

“Designated Chemicals” = CDC NHANES + SGP Additions

- CDC NHANES
 - Currently >300 chemicals
 - CDC list is evolving
- Panel Additions
 - Chemicals of interest in California
 - Criteria in statute



Chemical Priorities for Biomonitoring in California

- Criteria specified in SB 1379
- SGP plays crucial role
- Priorities expected to change over time, with program capacity and other factors
- More discussion later today...

Scientific Guidance Panel and Public Participation

Per SB 1379,

- panel meetings shall be open to public and subject to Bagley-Keene
 - panel activities shall provide opportunities for...
 - public participation
 - community capacity building
- with meaningful stakeholder input



Context for Cal/EPA Environmental Justice Activities

Environmental Justice CECBP Element



California Environmental
Protection Agency

**INTRA-AGENCY
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
STRATEGY**

AUGUST 2004



California Environmental
Protection Agency

**OCTOBER 2004
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
ACTION PLAN**

“As appropriate, the program shall utilize the principles of the agency’s Environmental Justice Strategy and Environmental Justice Action Plan...”
(H&SC Ch 8; SB 1379)

Cal/EPA EJ Strategy Mission Statement – Quoted in SB 1379

To accord the highest respect and value to every individual and community,
by developing and conducting our public health and environmental protection programs, policies, and activities
in a manner that promotes equity and affords fair treatment, accessibility, and protection for all Californians
regardless of race, age, culture, income, or geographic location.

Cal/EPA EJ Strategy Goals

1. Ensure meaningful public participation and promote community capacity building to allow communities to effectively participate...
2. Integrate EJ into ... environmental policies
3. Improve research and data collection to promote and address EJ related to the health and environment of communities of color and low-income populations
4. Ensure effective cross-media coordination and accountability in addressing EJ issues.



Some Public Participation Considerations in SGP Activities

- Meeting and workshop venue
- Public participation in meetings
- Public input before and after meetings
- Ways of handling public input on chemical selection
- Communication of SGP recommendations
- Community capacity building