Green chemistry is the design of chemical products and processes that reduce or eliminate the use or generation of hazardous substances. A key component is product reformulation to replace hazardous chemicals with less hazardous ones. A major obstacle is the lack of data from standard toxicity tests for determining the safety of a chemical. Absent a full toxicological database, other information—e.g., from short term tests, structure activity relationships, and the emerging high throughput assays—may help in chemical hazard evaluations.

This workshop explores indicators of human health hazards for carcinogenicity, developmental toxicity and endocrine disruption. A second workshop on indicators of environmental hazards and exposure potential will be held May 10-11 at University of California (UC) Berkeley. A recent Green Chemistry law (SB 509, 2009) requires Cal/EPA’s Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) to evaluate and specify the hazard traits, toxicological endpoints and other relevant data to be included in California’s Toxics Information Clearinghouse, which will be constructed by the Cal/EPA’s Department of Toxic Substances Control.

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Monday, March 15, Byron Sher Auditorium

8:30 Welcome
George Alexeff, Deputy Director for Scientific Affairs, OEHHA
John Knezovich, Director, UC TSRTP

8:40 Workshop Introduction
Melanie Marty, Chief, Air Toxicology and Epidemiology Branch, OEHHA

Session 1: State of the Science on Identifying Chemical Hazards
Moderator: Melanie Marty, OEHHA

8:55 Keynote: Emerging methods for determining chemical hazards
Chris Portier, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)

9:40 Chemical reactivity as a fundamental indicator of chemical toxicity
John Froines, UCLA Department of Environmental Health Sciences

10:15 Break

10:30 Computational toxicology screening methods
Dale Johnson, UC Berkeley (UCB) and Emiliem, Inc

11:05 Screening methods used by the pharmaceutical industry
Dinah Misner, Roche Pharmaceuticals Palo Alto

11:40 Panel Discussion and Q&A
Chris Portier, NIEHS
John Froines, UCLA
Dale Johnson, UCLA and Emiliem
Dinah Misner, Roche Palo Alto

12:30 Lunch
Monday, March 15, continued

Session 2: Human Health Hazard Indicators for Specific Endpoints

1:30 Goals for Session
Session Moderator: Lauren Zeise, OEHHA

Carcinogenicity

Luoping Zhang, UCB School of Public Health

2:00 Assay indicators of risk factors for breast carcinogenicity
Megan Schwarzman, UCB School of Public Health and UC BCGC
Gina Solomon, UC San Francisco & Natural Resources Defense Council

2:25 Discussion of Carcinogenicity Indicators

Developmental Toxicity

2:40 In vitro and other methods for identifying developmental neurotoxicants
Pamela Lein, UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine

3:05 Computational toxicology and short-term assays for identifying developmental toxicants
Tom Knudsen, US EPA National Center for Computational Toxicology

3:30 Discussion of Developmental Toxicity Indicators

3:45 Break

Endocrine disruption

4:00 In vivo and in vitro screening for thyroid hormone disruptors
Kevin Crofton, US EPA, National Health and Environmental Effects Laboratory

4:25 Screening assays for estrogen and androgen related endpoints
Paul Foster, NIEHS and NTP

4:50 Discussion of Endocrine Disruption Indicators

5:05 Adjourn Day 1

Tuesday, March 16, Sierra Hearing Room

Session 3: Moving Forward with Human Health Hazard Indicators

8:30 Goals for the Session
Session Moderator: Meg Schwarzman, UCB School of Public Health and UC BCGC

8:40 Hazard Traits, Endpoints, Indicators and Other Relevant Data
Melanie Marty and Lauren Zeise, OEHHA

9:00 Panel Discussion

Panelists:
George Alexeeff, OEHHA
Kevin Crofton, US EPA
Paul Foster, NIEHS
John Froines, UCLA
Dale Johnson, UCB and Emiliem
Tom Knudsen, US EPA
Pamela Lein, UCD
Dinah Misner, Roche Palo Alto
Chris Portier, NIEHS
Gina Solomon, UCSF and NRDC
Pamela Spencer, Dow Chemical Company
Tracey Woodruff, UCSF
Luoping Zhang, UCB

Discussion Question

Which assays and models are sufficiently well developed to indicate potential for carcinogenicity, developmental toxicity or endocrine disruption?

10:15 Break

10:30 Continue Discussion

12:00 Workshop summary and wrap-up
George Alexeeff, OEHHA

12:15 Adjourn