

# **Prioritization Process Overview and Application of Epidemiologic Data Screen**

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# Prioritization Process Overview

*Process for Prioritizing Chemicals for  
Consideration Under Proposition 65  
by the State's Qualified Experts  
(OEHHA, December 2004)*

- Developed in consultation with the **Developmental and Reproductive Toxicant Identification Committee** and the **Carcinogen Identification Committee**



# Prioritization Process Overview (continued)

- **Purpose** – to identify chemicals for evaluation by the DART IC
- **Goal** – to focus the efforts of the DART IC on chemicals that may pose significant hazards to Californians

*Prioritization is a **preliminary appraisal** of the evidence of hazard, based on **abstracts** of studies*



# Prioritization Process

- **Tracking Database**

- Chemicals identified from literature searches, suggestions from the DART IC, state agencies, the scientific community, and the general public; with data suggesting the potential to cause developmental or reproductive toxicity

- **Candidate Chemicals**

- **Tracked** chemicals with data suggesting the potential for exposure in California



# Prioritization Process

Tracking Database



Candidate Chemicals



**Screens: Focused Literature Review**

Chemicals Proposed for Committee Consideration



Consultation with the Committee on Chemicals for Review



**OEHHA Selection of Chemicals for  
Preparation of Hazard Identification Materials**



# Hazard Identification by the DART IC

Data Call-In on Selected Chemicals ← Public Data Submission



Hazard Identification Materials Prepared on Chemicals for Committee



Committee Review and Listing Decision ← Public Comments



# Application of Epidemiologic Data Screen to Candidate Chemicals (n = 286)

- Online literature database search (TOXLINE, PubMed)
- Identification of epidemiologic studies reporting an association between exposure to the chemical and increased risk of adverse developmental or reproductive outcome
- Two or more analytical studies of sufficient quality required
- Descriptive studies or case reports alone not sufficient to satisfy the screen



# ***Preliminary Toxicological Evaluation of Chemicals Identified by the Epidemiologic Data Screen***

- Literature search to identify experimental animal studies, other relevant data (e.g., mechanisms of action, metabolism and pharmacokinetics, *etc.*)
- ***Preliminary*** toxicological evaluation of the ***overall evidence*** of developmental or reproductive toxicity, based on ***abstracts*** of studies





# Chemicals Proposed for Committee Consideration

Chemicals identified by the epidemiologic data screen for which a *preliminary* evaluation of the *overall evidence* indicates that developmental or reproductive toxicity may be a concern

- Bisphenol-A
- Bromodichloromethane
- Caffeine
- Chlorpyrifos
- Chromium (hexavalent)
- DDE
- Methylisocyanate
- Sulfur dioxide



# Chemicals Proposed for Committee Consideration (continued)

## For each of the proposed chemicals:

- **Compiled abstracts of**
  - epidemiologic studies
  - experimental animal studies
  - other relevant dataidentified during the preliminary toxicological evaluation
- **Provided to the DART IC and released to the public for 60 – day comment period**
- **Public comments received were provided to the DART IC prior to today’s meeting**



# Consultation with the Committee on Chemicals for Review

- **DART IC advises OEHHA on the chemicals that should undergo the development of hazard identification materials**
- **Additional opportunity for public comment**

