

*WORKSHOP:* Building an  
Integrated Surveillance System  
for Emerging Chemicals in the  
Great Lakes and Nationwide  
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*“Observer”* Impressions and  
Comments

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# Overarching Comments

- *Appreciate the opportunity to be an observer*
- Workshop was well done and helpful – We need to build on the expertise and energy assembled there
- A substantial number of people are at work looking a “new chemicals” and “new chemical” issues
- One challenge is how to assemble and make available the collective knowledge and findings from these multiple investigators
- There is a need for a “list” that is not a “list” (A *directory?*) in order to have the conversations needed to answer questions about specific compounds

# Key Points from Workshop

- “Emerging chemicals” present different challenges than legacy materials since they are most often deliberately produced, serve useful purposes with resulting economic value G1
- These substances may be serving as a replacement for PBTs
- These substances may exhibit persistence but low toxicity
- The “list” of substances needing attention may be manageable
- The capability to predict properties and assess risks seems within our grasp
- Analytical methods is an apparent need

# Going Forward

- Continue multi-agency – multi-branch consultation activities
- Include stakeholders
- Invite stakeholder presentations
- GLBTS may provide a platform for the effort – but the scope needs to be national/international