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ENHANCING SCIENCE AND POLICY FOR CHEMICAL RISK ASSESSMENTS

October 23, 2012
1:00PM – 5:00PM
Reception to follow

The George Washington University
Marvin Center, Room 403
800 21st St, NW
Washington, DC 20052

Please RSVP [here](#).

Hosted by:
The George Washington University
Regulatory Studies Center & Center for Risk Science and Public Health
The Society for Risk Analysis National Capital Area Chapter
The American Chemistry Council
in collaboration with
The Administrative Conference of the United States

Numerous bodies have called for improvement in the use of science for policy, especially in chemical risk assessment. The National Academy of Sciences (NAS), in its examination of EPA's formaldehyde risk assessment, identified "recurring methodologic problems" with EPA's integrated risk information system (IRIS) assessments, outlined the key elements of the IRIS process, and offered a "roadmap for revisions." EPA is working to implement these suggestions, and the NAS is following up with more detailed recommendations. The Keystone Group recently issued a report on "Improving the Use of Science in Regulatory Decision-Making," which offered recommendations on improving the credibility and integrity of scientific advisory panels and best practices for systematic review of risk assessments. Meanwhile, the Administrative Conference of the United States (ACUS) has a project underway to recommend best practices for the use of science in the administrative process.

To support these efforts, the George Washington University Regulatory Studies Center and Center for Risk Science and Public Health, the Society for Risk Analysis National Capital Area Chapter, and the American Chemistry Council, in collaboration with Administrative Conference of the United States, are hosting an afternoon workshop to discuss constructive ways to enhance the quality and credibility of chemical risk assessments.



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AGENDA

1:00 Welcome

- Susan Dudley, Director, GW Regulatory Studies Center, Research Professor, Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration
- Paul Verkuil, Chairman, Administrative Conference of the United States

1:10 Setting the Stage

- George Gray, Professor, Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, GW School of Public Health, Director, Center for Risk Science and Public Health
- David Goldston, Director of Government Affairs, Natural Resources Defense Council

1:30 Data Evaluation and Integration

Moderator: Rick Becker, Senior Scientist, the American Chemistry Council

Presenters:

- Chris Bevan, Managing Principal, CJB Consulting
- Anna Lowit, Senior Scientist, Health Effects Division, Office of Pesticide Programs, EPA

Discussants:

- Lorenz Rhomberg, Principal, Gradient
- Marty Stephens, Senior Research Associate, Center for Alternatives to Animal Testing, Johns Hopkins University
- George Gray, GW

3:00 Break

3:15 Peer Review

Moderator: Sally Kane, President, Society for Risk Analysis National Capital Area Chapter

Presenter: Rick Reiss, Principal Scientist, Exponent

Discussants:

- Don Elliot, Professor (adj), Yale Law School, Partner, Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP
- Francesca Grifo, Senior Scientist and Science Policy Fellow, Union of Concerned Scientists

4:15 Wrap Up and Next Steps

Moderators:

- Susan Dudley, GW
- George Gray, GW

Discussants: All panelists

5:00 Reception

