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Department of Toxic Substances Control

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Federal and State Government to Announce Innovative Green Chemistry Partnership to Advance California's Push for Safer Consumer Products

*****Media Tour of Hospital Research Center Spotlights Use of Less Toxic Products*****

What: On Thursday January 12, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S.EPA) will host a press conference and visual media opportunity that demonstrates the need for safer consumer products. The two agencies will sign an agreement that formalizes a partnership to push for safer consumer products in California. Exposure to toxic chemicals in everyday life has increasingly become an environmental and health concern.

Who:

- Debbie Raphael, Director, DTSC
- Jared Blumenfeld, U.S. EPA Regional Administrator for the Pacific Southwest
- Jim Jones, Acting Assistant Administrator, U.S. EPA Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention
- Kathy Gerwig, Kaiser Permanente, VP, Workplace Safety and Environmental Stewardship

When: Thursday January 12, 2012 at 10:30am

Where: Kaiser Permanente Garfield Health Care Innovation Center
590 Whitney Street
San Leandro, CA 94577

More: The Kaiser Permanente Garfield Health Care Innovation Center in San Leandro illustrates Kaiser Permanente's efforts to purchase safer consumer products and design medical facilities with equipment that minimizes potential toxic exposures to patients and workers. <http://bit.ly/BkFpS> A tour of this unique facility will follow the signing of the agreement between the two agencies.

DTSC's proposed Safer Consumer Products regulations place California at the forefront of an international effort to identify safer ingredients for consumer goods. Jones oversees U.S.EPA's pesticide, toxic chemical and pollution prevention efforts.

To find out more about DTSC's efforts to make consumer products safer, watch the introductory video at: <http://dtsc.ca.gov/SCPVideo.cfm>

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The Mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances by restoring contaminated properties, identifying and promoting safer ingredients in consumer products, and ensuring stewardship through enforcement, regulation and pollution prevention.