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New Members for DTSC's Science Advisory Panel

SACRAMENTO – The [Department of Toxic Substances Control](#) (DTSC) today announced the appointment of three new members to its [Green Ribbon Science Panel](#) (GRSP), which provides advice and acts as a resource to DTSC on a variety of scientific and technical matters.

“We welcome these new distinguished members to the Green Ribbon Science Panel, said DTSC Director Barbara Lee. “Since its formation in 2009, this panel has been an invaluable resource in innovation and implementation of strategies that enhance California’s environmental goals. And I believe that the wealth of experience these new members bring to this panel will further that cause.”

Formed after California’s Green Chemistry law was passed in 2008, the GRSP provides scientific support for the implementation of the Safer Consumer Products (SCP) regulations.

The SCP regulations provide an important means for California to protect people and the environment from potential harm from toxic chemicals by requiring manufacturers to seek less hazardous alternatives to problematic product ingredients. The GRSP played an important role in developing the framework for the regulations and has advised the department on a number of topics since the regulations went into effect.

The Panel also provides advice and acts as a resource to DTSC’s Director and to the California Environmental Policy Council on a variety of scientific and technical matters relating to green chemistry and chemicals policy recommendations and implementation strategies.

The new [GRSP members](#) are:

- Dr. Elaine Cohen Hubal, the Deputy National Program Director (NPD) for the U.S. EPA’s Chemical Safety for Sustainability (CSS) research program.
- Dr. Jack Linard, who currently leads Unilever’s Personal Care Regulatory Affairs Team for North America, and
- Dr. Mark Nicas, Emeritus Adjunct Professor in the Environmental Health Sciences Division, School of Public Health, University of California, Berkeley.

The new appointees are filling three existing vacancies on the panel. The panel will continue to be chaired by Dr. Art Fong, Apple Inc. and Dr. Kelly Moran, TDC Environmental.



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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 resources, enforcing hazardous waste laws, reducing hazardous waste generation, and encouraging the manufacture of chemically safer products.