



Topic #1: The SCP Timeline

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Outline

- Why a Safer Consumer Products (SCP) Timeline?
- What is it?
- How did we get here?
- Where do we go from here?
- Challenges



Why an SCP Timeline?

- GRSP recommendation (Nov 2019)
 - Transparency
 - Signaling
- Input from other stakeholders
- DTSC commitment to greater
 - Transparency
 - Accountability



What is the Timeline?

- Accessible on the SCP homepage



SCP Homepage

Safer Consumer Products Timeline: October 2020 - December 2021

The SCP Timeline presents a glimpse of the Safer Consumer Products (SCP) Program's activities under the current [Priority Product Work Plan](#). It is intended to make the breadth and depth of the SCP Program's work visible to the public, to inform the public of progress on current projects, and to increase opportunities for positive stakeholder engagement. It is not intended to be a comprehensive view of all of the SCP Program's work.

DTSC presents this information for informational purposes only. The Timeline is updated quarterly; thus, it may not reflect changes made after the most recent update. Single-day events (e.g., issuance of notices, meetings, workshops) are typically shown as diamonds but may be shown as bars indicating ranges of likely dates. Activities, milestones, and associated dates are subject to change. The Timeline presents 15 months of SCP activities; some extend beyond (before or after) that 15-month window. For regulatory deadlines and information about comment periods, events, workshops, etc., please consult [CalSAFER](#).

Please send comments or questions about the Timeline to SaferConsumerProducts@dtsc.ca.gov.



What is the Timeline?

- Accessible on the SCP homepage
- Schematic summary of current projects
 - Information presented in a Smartsheet-generated Gantt chart
 - Organized by product category and project



Cleaning Products and Food Packaging

Activity or Milestone	Q4 2020			Q1 2021			Q2 2021			Q3 2021			Q4 2021		
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Cleaning Products															
Cleaning Products and Beauty, Personal Care, and Hygiene Products Containing 1,4-Dioxane															
DTSC conducts laboratory study and analysis															
DTSC drafts Priority Product profile															
Public comment period															
Pre-regulatory workshop															
DTSC considers public comments															
Laundry Detergents Containing Nonylphenol Ethoxylates (NPEs)															
DTSC drafts regulations															
Public notice of Proposed Rulemaking															
Public comment period															
DTSC finalizes regulations															
External agency review															
Treatments Containing Perfluoroalkyl or Polyfluoroalkyl Substances for Use on Converted Textiles															
DTSC drafts regulations															
Public notice of Proposed Rulemaking															
Public comment period															
DTSC finalizes regulations															
Food Packaging															
Can and Lid Liners Containing Bisphenols															
DTSC conducts information call-in															
Food Packaging Containing Ortho-phthalates															
Pending decision															
DTSC issues decision not to proceed with Priority Product designation at this time															
Food Packaging Containing Perfluoroalkyl or Polyfluoroalkyl Substances															
External Scientific Peer Review															
DTSC finalizes Priority Product profile															
DTSC drafts regulations															



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- **Depicts activity in a 15-month window—currently Oct. 2020 – Dec. 2021**



Personal Care Products

Activity or Milestone	Q4 2020			Q1 2021			Q2 2021			Q3 2021			Q4 2021		
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Beauty, Personal Care, and Hygiene Products															
Cleaning Products and Beauty, Personal Care, and Hygiene Products Containing 1,4-Dioxane															
DTSC conducts laboratory study and analysis															
DTSC drafts Priority Product profile															
Public comment period															
Pre-regulatory workshop															
DTSC considers public comments															
Hair Straightening Products															
DTSC publishes public background document to website															
Stakeholder workshop															
DTSC assesses stakeholder feedback															
DTSC drafts Priority Product profile(s)															
Nail Products Containing Methyl Methacrylate															
DTSC considers public comments and updates profile															
External Scientific Peer Review															
DTSC finalizes Priority Product profile															
DTSC drafts regulations															
Nail Products Containing Toluene															
Public notice of Proposed Rulemaking															
Public comment period															
DTSC finalizes regulations															
Nail Products Information Call-in															
DTSC conducts information call-in															
DTSC evaluates data															
DTSC drafts report															
Nail Products Screening Research															
DTSC conducts screening research															



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- Depicts activity in a 15-month window—currently Oct. 2020 – Dec. 2021
- Presents most, but not all, SCP work



Timeline Attributes

- Reflects implementation of the SCP Work Plan
- Emphasizes SCP activities and milestones
- Generally does not include:
 - Early scoping research
 - Program or project administration
 - Collaboration with other agencies and states
 - Mandatory and technical training
 - Deliberative process (internal or external)



Building Products

Activity or Milestone	Q4 2020			Q1 2021			Q2 2021			Q3 2021			Q4 2021		
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Building Products and Materials Used in Construction and Renovation	[Orange bar]														
Paint and Varnish Strippers Containing Methylene Chloride	[Orange bar]														
Final AA report due (12 months after Notice of Compliance)			◆												
DTSC receives Product Removal Confirmation Notifications				[Orange bar]											
DTSC assesses compliance and needed enforcement							[Orange bar]								
Spray Polyurethane Foam Systems with Unreacted Methylene Diphenyl Diisocyanates	[Orange bar]														
DTSC grants 45-day extension	[Orange bar]														
Revised Abridged AA Report due	◆														
DTSC reviews the Revised Abridged AA Report		[Orange bar]													
DTSC issues Notice of Ongoing Review (60 days)			◆												
DTSC issues Notice of Compliance					◆										
Further activity on hold; see the 2021-02-09 Notice of Compliance for more information							[Orange bar]								
Paint and Varnish Strippers and Graffiti Removers Containing N-Methylpyrrolidone	[Orange bar]														
Under review				[Orange bar]											
Carpets and Rugs with Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFASs)	[Orange bar]														
DTSC finalizes regulations	[Orange bar]														
External agency review				[Orange bar]											
Estimated effective date of regulations												◆			
Priority Product Notification (PPN) due (60 days after the effective date of the PP regulations)															◆
Preliminary AA Report due (180 days after the effective date of the PP regulations)															
DTSC reviews Preliminary AA Report															◆



How did we get here?

- First draft of the Timeline content assembled during summer 2020
- Work to standardize language used to describe project activities and milestones, balancing consistency and specificity
- Plan to deploy the Timeline coincident with publication of draft 2021-2023 SCP Priority Product Work Plan



Where do we go from here?

- Update Timeline content quarterly
- Solicit and evaluate stakeholder feedback
- Implement feasible enhancements as part of quarterly updates



Challenges

- Balance consistency and specificity
- Represent activities greater than 15 months in duration



- Maintain Timeline with minimal effort
 - Link Timeline content to internal project tracking information in Smartsheet
- Create links from Timeline to other SCP website assets—e.g., Priority Product pages





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Topic #2: DTSC's Draft 2021-2023 Priority Product Work Plan

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What is the Work Plan?

What it does:

- Covers a 3-year period.
- Describes the product categories DTSC will evaluate.
- Describes ongoing work carried over from previous Work Plan.
- Gives general explanation of why categories were selected.

What it doesn't do:

- Identify new Priority Products.
- Lay out a detail schedule for evaluating products.
- Create any new legal obligations for stakeholders.



Our approach

- Continuity with previous WP
- DTSC staff recommendations
- Stakeholder engagement
 - Public comment
 - State agencies and BDOs
 - Other states and the U.S. EPA
- GRSP



Priorities and considerations for implementation

- Adverse impacts on the health of children and workers
- The potential for the product to release Candidate Chemicals to indoor air and dust
- The potential for the product to release microplastics to the environment
- The extent to which listing a product as a Priority Product would leverage the work of other agencies within the California Environmental Protection Agency



Proposed 2021-2023 Work Plan product categories

- **Beauty, Personal Care, and Hygiene Products** (*carried over*)
- **Cleaning Products** (*carried over*)
- **Building Products and Materials Used in Construction and Renovation** (*carried over, scope expanded*)
- **Food Packaging** (*carried over, definition revised*)
- **Children's Products** (*new category*)
- **Motor Vehicle Tires** (*new category, added based on petition*)



Categories we will not carry over from the 2018-2020 Work Plan

- **Household, School, and Workplace Furnishings and Décor**
- **Consumable Office, School, and Business Supplies**
- **Lead-Acid Batteries**





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Topic #1 Questions for the Panel (1 of 2)

1. Does this Timeline effectively provide transparency to the public about our work? If not, how can it be improved to better meet this goal?
2. Does the proposed look and feel of the Timeline work for its intended purpose?
 - a. How could SCP improve the functionality, usability, or clarity of the Timeline?
 - b. What additional features or information would the Panel suggest adding to future versions of the Timeline?



Topic #1 Questions for the Panel (2 of 2)

3. What problems may arise from SCP's publication or disclosure of a Timeline? What are the implications of not meeting proposed milestones and how could SCP manage them?
4. What information portrayed by the Timeline would be most helpful to industry and NGO stakeholders?
5. Are there other actions that SCP could take, in addition to the Timeline, to help improve transparency and provide some level of predictability regarding our future activities?



Topic #2 Questions for the Panel (1 of 2)

1. SCP has targeted the PPWP to manufacturers and the general public. What key audiences are missing, if any, and what should be our goals in communicating to those audiences?
2. We have heard concerns from some stakeholders that the PPWP does not effectively signal to the market. Do the proposed changes we have made in the 2021-2023 PPWP better accomplish that goal? Is there something else that we could include to more effectively signal and promote informed substitution?
3. Does our proposal to remove the above-mentioned product categories from the PPWP have any potential negative implications?



Topic #2 Questions for the Panel (2 of 2)

4. Should SCP consider revising the regulations in order to expand its authority to amend a PPWP? Right now, the SCP regulations allow amendments to a PPWP if required by a law or if DTSC grants a petition. Are there any other situations in which revising a current PPWP should be allowed, such as if new research pinpoints a chemical of concern in a product category not covered by the PPWP that requires urgent attention?
5. Are there product categories that GRSP members suggest that SCP consider adding to the PPWP, and if so why?
6. Are the Priorities and Considerations for Implementation helpful to include in the Work Plan to improve transparency around prioritization and decision making? What additional priorities or considerations should SCP consider adding to this list?

