

# California Department of Toxic Substances Control's Safer Consumer Products Program

## WHAT IS THE SAFER CONSUMER PRODUCTS PROGRAM?

The [Safer Consumer Products program](#) (SCP) is a regulatory program within the [California Department of Toxic Substances Control](#). The goal of SCP is to advance the design, development, and use of products that are chemically safer for people and the environment.

We do that by:

- Identifying chemicals listed by other authoritative agencies on our [Candidate Chemical List](#), which forms the menu of chemicals we can potentially regulate.
- Evaluating and prioritizing products that contain chemicals that may cause harm and listing them as [Priority Products](#). The [Priority Product Work Plan](#) outlines the menu of product categories that we can consider over a 3-year period.
- Listing Priority Products through the California rulemaking process. The regulatory requirements for designation of a Priority Product are based upon the premise of **potential** and allow SCP to take a more precautionary approach compared to many other regulatory agencies.
- Evaluating [Alternatives Analyses](#) and other notifications submitted by manufacturers (or others in the supply chain) for Priority Products.
- Ensuring compliance with our regulations and pursuing [regulatory responses](#) or enforcement options, as appropriate.

SCP staff are frequently engaged in research to better understand chemicals, their use in products, the potential for adverse impacts, and the alternatives assessment process. Our [Publications and Media](#) and [Workshops and Events](#) pages highlight some of these efforts. You can find the latest status of our projects by visiting our [SCP Timeline](#).

SCP hires from the following classifications:

- [Associate Governmental Program Analyst](#)
- [Environmental Scientist](#) series
- [Hazardous Substances Engineer](#) series
- [Librarian](#) series
- [Research Data Specialist](#) series
- [Research Scientist](#) series
- [Scientific Aid](#)

- [Staff Services Analyst](#)
- [Staff Services Manager](#) series
- [Toxicologist](#) series

We also hire student assistants through Cal State Sacramento's [University Enterprises Inc](#) program. Students from most colleges within California and some outside of the state are eligible to apply for these positions, all of which are detailed [on their website](#).

Learn more about SCP job opportunities by signing up for the [SCP Recruitment listserv](#) or accessing our [Career Opportunities](#) website.

### WHY WORK FOR SCP?

SCP staff engage in mission driven work that makes a positive impact in California and beyond. We are a diverse team of scientists, engineers, market researchers, and analysts working to protect California's people and the environment. We conduct forward thinking research, analysis, and outreach that propels a shift to safer chemistries. Our staff and management are extremely passionate about what we do, resulting in a supportive, encouraging, and enthusiastic work culture. We aim to address environmental injustices and foster diversity, equity, inclusion, and anti-racism in the workplace. We are a remote-friendly workplace, promote a healthy life/work balance, and provide generous benefits (more about those [here](#)). Learn more about our [core values](#) on our website.

### CONTACT US

Reach out with any questions by emailing us at [SaferConsumerProducts@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:SaferConsumerProducts@dtsc.ca.gov).

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