
From: A [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 02, 2010 6:42 PM
To: GreenEO4
Subject: Comments on Chemicals of Concern

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of the "Consideration of Chemicals in the Development of Green Specifications" Recommendation. The states as laboratories for the nation must take up consumer protective action against toxic chemicals when the federal government fails to act. As a citizen of New York, I am proud that OGS has come up with his rule and am excited about its possible implementation. I strongly support the list of chemicals included in the Recommendation found in multiple federal documents to be chemicals of concern. I particular support the elimination of the use of BPA and the use of alternatives to plastic when no plastic substitute is found to be suitable. We are following a path tread by other progressive states like California and Washington. Thanks very much,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 03, 2010 9:45 AM
To: GreenEO4
Subject: Support for "Consideration of Chemicals..." recommendation

I support the "Consideration of Chemicals in the Development of Green Specifications" recommendation. This is a comprehensive chemical avoidance procurement list. For our future, and the future of our country and children, you need to act with integrity and stand by this recommendation.

A K [REDACTED]
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From: S [REDACTED] R [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, December 04, 2010 10:04 AM
To: GreenEO4
Cc: [REDACTED]

Dear People:

December 4, 2010

I just learned from the Center for Health, Environment & Justice that your organization, NYS Interagency Committee on Sustainability & Green Procurement, has tentatively approved a recommendation titled "Consideration of Chemicals in the Development of Green Specifications." I also understand you are asking for public comment. I heartily approve your recommendation, as it is a forward step toward seeing that State Agency Green Purchasing will carefully asses that "bad actor"

chemicals are not contained in purchases. I believe it is a strenghtening of Executive Order 4, seeing that toxic chemicals are avoided and safer alternatives are sought, in all purchases, thus reducing potential health and environmental pollution for State residents. The Federal government has lists of recognized hazardous chemicals, and State procurement policies should recognize them as well. I strongly support your recommendation, and want New York to join the many other States, California, New Hampshire, Oregon, Maine, and others, who have already taken this important step. Please enact it. thank you.

S [REDACTED] R [REDACTED]
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From: Diane Brandli [dbdesign@twcny.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, December 05, 2010 5:33 PM
To: GreenEO4
Cc: 'Anne Rabe'
Subject: In Support of NYS Chemical Avoidance Purchasing Proposal

The U.S. Green Building Council New York Upstate Chapter Green Schools Committee is writing in support of the Recommendation titled "Consideration of Chemicals in the Development of Green Specifications."

This policy will ultimately help to better protect our most vulnerable population – the children of New York State who spend their days in schools filled with products containing these toxic chemicals. It will also protect the citizens of New York State and the state's environment and waterways. It is a positive and forward-thinking policy proposal based on pollution prevention and the reduction of health and environmental risks from especially hazardous chemicals in products.

We strongly support the inclusion of all the chemicals identified in the Recommendation, including the references to chemicals found in the Environmental Protection Agency Waste Minimization Priority List (PBTs), Department of Health and Human Services National Toxicology Program Report on Carcinogens, List of Chemicals Known and Reasonably Anticipated to be Human Carcinogens, and the EPA Chemicals in Action Plans being implemented under TSCA.

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The recommendation appropriately focuses on especially hazardous toxic chemicals that are already being regulated and prioritized by the federal government, and now need to be prioritized in procurement as well. This is a reasonable and sound approach from an environmental, public health and economic perspective.

Thanks so much for considering our request.

Sincerely,

Diane Brandli, ASID, CID, LEED AP
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please consider if it is really necessary.*

From: J. M. [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 06, 2010 3:54 PM
To: GreenEO4
Subject: letter

Dear Members of the Office of General Services (OGS)

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From: thomas.lowe@nysna.org
Sent: Thursday, December 09, 2010 1:49 PM
To: GreenEO4
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support NYS Chemical Avoidance Purchasing Proposal

To the Office of General Services;

The New York State Nurses Association is writing in support of the Recommendation titled "Consideration of Chemicals in the Development of Green Specifications."

We have long believed that there is not a shortage of nurses, but too many patients! While at first glance this statement may sound a little silly, it is serious. Many of the patients we take care of are victims of the health and environmental risks from especially hazardous chemicals in products to which all of us are exposed to on a daily basis. The illnesses and diseases these chemicals cause are, for the most part, completely preventable if only we could eliminate the cause: bad actor chemicals in every day life.

NYSNA strongly supports the inclusion of all the chemicals identified in the Recommendation, including the references to chemicals found in the Environmental Protection Agency Waste Minimization Priority List (PBTs), Department of Health and Human Services National Toxicology Program Report on Carcinogens, List of Chemicals Known and Reasonably Anticipated to be Human Carcinogens, and the EPA Chemicals in Action Plans being implemented under TSCA.

The guiding principles outlined in EO 4 are sound and we fully support those recommendations. It would enable the state to strategically implement the priority attention to toxic substances embodied in the EO. It would meet the goals of EO 4, such as to: "reduce or eliminate the health and environmental risks from the use or release of toxic substances; minimize risks of the discharge of pollutants into the environment; minimize the toxicity of packaging; protect public health and the environment, including children; and embody pollution prevention and sustainable production."

This effort puts New York among growing number of states and municipalities enacting green purchasing programs that seek to avoid the purchase of products with priority toxic substances, such as California, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Oregon and Washington.

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NYSNA is committed to a healthy population, a positive impact on public health and a comprehensive chemical policy reform at the State and Federal level.

Respectfully -
New York State Nurses Association
Representing over 35,000 nurses in New York State

From: N [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 10, 2010 2:56 PM
To: GreenEO4
Subject: SUPPORT consideration of chemicals in the development of green specifications

Dear Office of General Services,

We are writing in support of the Recommendation titled "Consideration of Chemicals in the Development of Green Specifications." This policy will better protect the citizens of New York State and the state's environment and waterways. It is a positive and forward-thinking policy proposal based on pollution prevention and the reduction of health and environmental risks from especially hazardous chemicals in products.

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Sincerely,

N [REDACTED] M [REDACTED]

From: Mark Stipano [mark.stipano@cseainc.org]
Sent: Friday, December 10, 2010 3:01 PM
To: GreenEO4
Cc: J. F. [REDACTED]
Subject: CSEA Support for Executive Order 4 on State Agency Green Purchasing

NYS OGS Executive Order 4 Representative:

CSEA supports the Executive Order 4 on State Agency Green Purchasing because by this order NYS will begin to limit or eliminate the use of more harmful chemicals in the products it purchases and uses. This program utilizes two of the most effective means to protect workers from harmful chemicals in the work place, elimination of hazards and substitution of less hazardous materials. This program will go a long way towards improving the health of both state workers and the members of the public that frequent their workplaces to obtain the vital services they provide. The implementation of this program will not only protect the work environments of NYS from impact by these chemicals, but will also protect the work environments in the production facilities where they would have been produced.

This program could be strengthened by including the following measures:

1. Referencing the chemical abstract services (CAS) number for the individual chemical compounds on the list. This will assure suppliers or manufacturers will not include them in products offered to the state under other chemical or trade names.
2. Include all of the chemicals specifically regulated by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration under thier substance specific standards, given in Subpart Z of the General Industry Standards. This Subpart is found in Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 1910 (29 CFR 1910). While many of these chemicals are already on the list (including lead, asbestos, and cadmium), several of them are not, including: 13 carcinogens (29 CFR 1910.1003), 1,2-dibromo-3-chloropropane (29 CFR 1910.1044), Acrylonitrile (29 CFR 1910.1045), Methylenedianiline (29 CFR 1910.1050) and 1,3-Butadiene (29 CFR 1910.1051).

The addition of these provisions would serve to prevent confusion about the identity of the chemicals prohibited for use by the order and would create a measure limiting the state agencies from using highly regulated materials resulting in cost savings by preventing the expense workers having to handle them.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

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From: g. m. [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 10, 2010 5:01 PM
To: GreenEO4
Subject: Chemical avoidance purchase policy

I am writing in strong support of the Recommendation titled "Consideration of Chemicals in the Development of Green Specifications."

It is a positive and forward-thinking policy proposal based on pollution prevention and the reduction of health and environmental risks from especially hazardous chemicals in products

This policy will ultimately help to better protect the citizens of New York State and the state's environment .

Thank you

G. M. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, December 11, 2010 12:48 PM
To: GreenEO4
Subject: support memo

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Sincerely,

Joan Sheehan, President Capital Region Action Against Breast Cancer [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: Laura Weinberg [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 12, 2010 2:01 PM
To: GreenEO4
Subject: Green EO4 Recommendation of considered chemicals

Dear Office of General Services,

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We thank you for your time and urge you to incorporate this consideration list of chemicals as part of the EO4 policy.

Sincerely,

Laura Weinberg
President, Great Neck Breast Cancer Coalition
Great Neck, New York

From: K. W. [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 12, 2010 2:48 PM
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Sincerely,

K. W. [REDACTED]

From: E. P. [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 12, 2010 3:31 PM
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E. [REDACTED] P. [REDACTED]

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M. R. [REDACTED]

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1,2,3, Trichloropropane	RA	NTP	Chemical solvent [✖]
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	PBT	EPA	Degreasers, lubricants, solvents [†]
1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene	PBT	EPA	Intermediate to make pesticides [†]
1,3 Dichloropropene	RA	NTP	Pesticide [✖]
1,4 Dioxane	RA	NTP	Varnish stripper, by-product of surfactants [✖]
1,4-Dichlorobenzene (para-dichlorobenzene)	RA	NTP	Urinal blocks, deodorizers [✖]
2,2 bis(Bromoethyl) 1,3 propanediol	RA	NTP	Flame retardant [✖]
2,3 Dibromo-1-propanol	RA	NTP	Polyurethane foam [✖]
2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin	KHC	NTP	Chlorine-bleached paper products [✖]
2,4,5-Trichlorophenol	PBT	EPA	Fungicide, herbicide [†]
3-Chloro-2-methylpropene	RA	NTP	Pesticide [✖]
4-Bromophenyl phenyl ether	PBT	EPA	Former flame retardant [†]
Acenaphthene	PBT	EPA	PAH, used to make dyes, plastics, pesticides, wood preservatives (creosote, coal tar, roofing tar), auto exhaust [†]
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Acetaldehyde	KHC	NTP	Adhesives [✖]
Amitrole	RA	NTP	Pesticide [✖]
Arsenic compounds, Inorganic	KHC	NTP	Wood preservative, treated wood [✖]
Asbestos	KHC	NTP	Roofing shingles, siding [✖]
Benzene	KHC	NTP	Contaminant of solvents [✖]
Benzo (g,h,i) perylene	PBT	EPA	PAH, used to make dyes, plastics, pesticides, wood preservatives (creosote, coal tar, roofing tar), auto exhaust [†]

Leryllium and beryllium compounds	KHC	NTP	Cell phones [¥]
Bis (Chloromethyl) Ether, Technical Grade Chloromethyl Methyl Ether	KHC	NTP	Cleaning products [¥]
Bisphenol A		EPA CAP	Bottles, food packaging ^Δ
Cadmium and cadmium compounds	KHC, PBT	EPA, NTP	Pigments, batteries, plastics, products containing fly ash, stabilizer for PVC ^{¥†}
Carbon tetrachloride	RA	NTP	Cleaning solvent, adhesive, adhesive remover [¥]
Ceramic fibers	RA	NTP	Fiber board insulation [¥]
Chloroprene	RA	NTP	Glues, adhesives [¥]
Chromium, hexavalent	KHC	NTP	Contaminant, possibly in leather [¥]
Coal tar and pitches	KHC	NTP	Road patching and paving material, roofing material [¥]
Di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP)	RA	NTP	PVC building supplies, office supplies [¥]
Dibenzofuran	PBT	EPA	Coal tar-based products, products containing fly ash, coke dust [†]
Dichloromethane (Methylene chloride)	RA	NTP	Graffiti removers, paint strippers, lubricants [¥]
Diesel exhaust particulates	RA	NTP	Buses, trucks, power generators [¥]
Diethyl Sulfate	RA	NTP	Carbonless paper [¥]
Dioxins and furans (polychlorinated)	PBT	EPA	Generated from the manufacture and incineration of chlorinated paper products, solvents, pesticides, plastics [†]
Endosulfan	PBT	EPA	Insecticide, wood preservative (not made in the U.S.) [†]
Ethylene dichloride (1,2 Dichloroethane)	RA	NTP	Adhesives, caulking [¥]
Ethylene oxide	KHC	NTP	Hospital-grade sterilant, fungicide [¥]
Fluorene	PBT	EPA	PAH, used to make dyes, plastics, pesticides, wood preservatives (creosote, coal tar, roofing tar), auto exhaust [†]
Formaldehyde gas	RA	NTP	Carpet, tile, glues, adhesives, caulking, particle board, furniture [¥]
Furan	RA	NTP	Wood preservative, asphalt and patching material, roofing patch, resins [¥]
Glass Wool	RA	NTP	Thermal, electrical and acoustical insulation [¥]
Heptachlor; heptachlor epoxide	PBT	EPA	Banned pesticide [†]
Hexachlorobenzene	PBT, RA	EPA, NTP	Banned pesticide, contaminant of products containing chlorinated organics ^{¥†}
Hexachlorobutadiene	PBT	EPA	Contaminant in the manufacture of rubber [†]
Hexachlorocyclohexane, gamma (Lindane)	PBT	EPA	Pesticide used to control lice and scabies in humans and animals [†]
Hexachloroethane	PBT, RA	EPA, NTP	Artificial smoke, munitions, lubricants, byproduct of incineration of chlorinated products ^{¥†}
Hexamethylphosphoramide	RA	NTP	Rodenticide [¥]
Lead and lead compounds	PBT, RA	EPA, NTP	Batteries, light bulbs, appliances, computers, products containing fly ash, cell phones, other electronics, PVC (pigment/stabilizer) ^{¥†}
Permethrin and other hexachlorocyclohexane Isomers	RA	NTP	Pesticide used to control lice and scabies in humans and animals [¥]
Mercury	PBT	EPA	Light bulbs, appliances, computers, products containing fly ash, thermometers, thermostats [†]

Methoxychlor	PBT	EPA	Insecticide [†]
Methylene Chloride	RA	NTP	Chemical solvent, paint stripper, printing inks, automotive degreasing [‡]
Mineral oils (untreated and mildly treated)	KHC	NTP	Lubricants [‡]
Naphthalene	PBT, RA	EPA, NTP	Mothballs, dyes, leather goods, insecticides, wood preservatives, coal tar-based products ^{‡†}
Nickel (metallic)	RA	NTP	Batteries [‡]
Nickel compounds	KHC	NTP	Electroplated items [‡]
Nitromethane	RA	NTP	Chemical solvent [‡]
Nitropropane	RA	NTP	Solvent for inks, paints and varnishes [‡]
Nitrosodimethylamine	RA	NTP	Control of nematodes [‡]
PBDEs (octa, penta and deca)		EPA CAP	Furniture, carpeting, computers, other electrical equipment ^Δ
Pendimethalin	PBT	EPA	Herbicide (used on rights-of-way) [†]
Pentachlorobenzene	PBT	EPA	Fire retardant, used to make the fungicide pentachloronitrobenzene (PCNB) [†]
Pentachloronitrobenzene	PBT	EPA	Fungicide (used as lawn chemical and to prevent slime in industrial water tanks) [†]
Pentachlorophenol	PBT	EPA	Wood preservative used on power line poles, railroad tracks, fences [†]
PFOS and PFOA		EPA CAP	Fabrics, paper, cookware, electronics, floor polishes ^Δ
Phenanthrene	PBT	EPA	PAH, used to make dyes, plastics, pesticides, wood preservatives (creosote, coal tar, roofing tar), auto exhaust [†]
Polybrominated biphenyls (PBBs)	RA	NTP	Brominated flame retardant banned in the U.S. in the 1970s. May still be in imported products. [‡]
Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)	RA, PBT	NTP, EPA	Banned in the U.S. but may still be contaminant of some manufacturing processes. ^{‡†}
Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)	PBT, RA	EPA, NTP	PAH, used to make dyes, plastics, pesticides, wood preservatives (creosote, coal tar, roofing tar), auto exhaust ^{‡†}
Propylene oxide	RA	NTP	Glues, adhesives, caulking [‡]
Pyrene	PBT	EPA	PAH, used to make dyes, plastics, pesticides, wood preservatives (creosote, coal tar, roofing tar), auto exhaust [†]
Selenium sulfide	RA	NTP	Fungicide [‡]
Silica, Crystalline (respirable size)	KHC	NTP	Paint, primers, cleaning products [‡]
Tetrachloroethylene (Perchloroethylene)	RA	NTP	Solvents (including dry cleaning), degreasers, graffiti removers, paint strippers, lubricants [‡]
Tetrafluoroethylene	RA	NTP	Used in the production of Teflon [‡]
Toluene Diisocyanate	RA	NTP	Floor and wood finishes [‡]
Trichloroethylene	RA	NTP	Solvents, degreasers, graffiti removers, paint strippers, lubricants, carpet and upholstery cleaners [‡]
Trifluralin	PBT	EPA	Herbicide (used on rights-of-way) [†]
Tris (2,3 Dibromopropyl) phosphate	RA	NTP	Flame retardant found in upholstery [‡]
Urethane	RA	NTP	Sealants [‡]
Vinyl chloride	KHC	NTP	Siding, piping, roofing, carpet, wall paper, shower curtains [‡]

Vinyl fluoride	RA	NTP	Wall, pipe and electrical covering*
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Legend:

KHC = Known Human Carcinogen, RA = Reasonably Anticipated to be a Human Carcinogen, PBT = Persistent Bio-accumulative Toxin

EPA = EPA Waste Minimization Priority, EPA CAP = EPA Chemical Action Plans, NTP = National Toxicology Program 11th Report

† = from EPA Waste Minimization Priority Fact Sheet, Δ = from EPA Chemical Action Plan, ¥ = from NTP Substance Profile and/or NTP Report on Carcinogens Background Document

This list was prepared for the consideration of the EO 4 Procurement Subcommittee by members of the EO4 Advisory Council.

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From: Amos Weinberg [amos@amoslegal.com]
Sent: Monday, December 13, 2010 10:42 AM
To: GreenEO4
Subject: Letter

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We urge you to make the list of 85 chemicals being considered as part of the Green Procurement EO4 policy.

Sincerely,

Enclosed

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 13, 2010 11:57 AM
To: GreenEO4
Subject: the Environmental

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Sincerely,

From: Zwickel, Howard
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 9:27 AM
To: Roth, Jaime
Subject: FW: Letter Re: Chemical Avoidance List
Attachments: Brush Wellman NY EO4 Letter 11.22.10.pdf

From: Diane Schumacher [<mailto:diane@schumacherpartners.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 22, 2010 3:26 PM
To: Zwickel, Howard
Subject: Letter Re: Chemical Avoidance List

Dear Mr. Zwickel:

We understand the EO4 Interagency Committee will be meeting tomorrow to consider recommendations regarding a green procurement chemical avoidance list. On behalf of Brush Wellman Inc., the free world's only fully-integrated beryllium supplier, I am respectfully submitting the enclosed comments for your information.

Thank you for your consideration.

Diane Schumacher

Diane L. Schumacher
For Brush Wellman Inc.

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November 22, 2010

Memorandum in Opposition

Re: EO4 - Recommendation to adopt a list of chemicals to avoid in products purchased by New York State ("Green Procurement Chemical Avoidance List").

We are aware of a pending decision by the EO4 Interagency Committee to develop and adopt a chemicals avoidance list for products purchased by New York State. This would result in the avoidance of purchasing products containing certain substances. Beryllium is potentially one of the substances on the Green Procurement Chemical Avoidance List that would be avoided under the proposed State Green Procurement and Agency Sustainability Program.

Brush Wellman and its parent company Brush Engineered Materials (BEM) strongly opposes the adoption of such list and urges the Interagency Committee to reconsider the recommendations.

1. A Green Procurement Chemical Avoidance List threatens manufacturing jobs in New York. BEM has approximately 260 employees in the state of New York with manufacturing locations in Buffalo, Wheatfield and Brewster. BEM supplies worldwide markets with "Made in the USA" high-performance specialty metals and materials. Brush Wellman, a wholly-owned subsidiary of BEM is the only fully integrated supplier of beryllium, beryllium alloys and beryllia ceramic in the world. Adoption of a chemicals avoidance list will lead to deselection of products containing beryllium, which will severely impact the health of our company, the job security of our employees and the secure supply of beryllium for use by our country.
2. Neither the Interagency Committee nor the Procurement Subcommittee should regulate substances that do not pose an unreasonable risk to human health or the environment. Beryllium is a naturally occurring element that is found ubiquitously in soils. The most common form of beryllium in commerce is as a copper beryllium alloy used in electronics. This alloy does not pose a hazard to human health or the environment when managed in accordance with existing industry standards or federal and state requirements. Copper beryllium alloys typically contain less than 2% beryllium yet they provide important qualities in products and components for critical electronic industry applications, such as small springs, and connectors in cellular telephones, and connectors and shielding in computers. In its solid form and in finished parts, it presents no special health or environmental risks.

A procurement avoidance list containing beryllium will have unintended adverse consequences impacting other beryllium-containing technologies and applications. Besides its use in electronics, beryllium is a commercial material with many critical and important applications needed for medical diagnostic technology, telecommunications, energy development, efficiency, fusion, and other leading technology applications.

Of special note: Beryllium is used in mammography equipment for early breast cancer detection. It is this essential material that allows x-rays to pass through the windows and capture the life-saving pictures. In an October 12, 2010, letter to Ms. Anne Phillips, Lois Gibbs, Anne Rabe and the other signatories including representatives from the Great Neck and Huntington Breast Cancer Coalitions suggested including beryllium in a preliminary worksheet of chemicals to be avoided. This is a good example of how selecting a substance simply because it appears on another list (without a thorough understanding of uses, benefits and management of the material), can affect many worthwhile and life-saving applications.

In addition, beryllium is used in weapon and intelligence systems for national defense. Beryllium is the only material to be designated by the U.S. Department of Defense as both critical and strategic to the United States. A decision to list beryllium as a substance to be avoided in New York procurements will have an adverse ripple effect across many markets not just cell phones.

3. Adding beryllium to the Green Procurement Chemical Avoidance List is likely to reduce environmental protection in New York. The properties of copper beryllium enable the miniaturization of technology for electronics, which reduces energy consumption. The alloy also reduces the failure rate of critical connections in electronics thereby reducing the volume of solid waste from electronics that do not contain copper beryllium alloys. Deselecting copper beryllium-containing electronics in New York will result in more solid waste being generated and a waste of energy used to produce failed products and to manage premature end-of-life electronics.
4. The proposed Green Procurement Chemical Avoidance List will add further financial burdens on the shoulders of New York State taxpayers. If New York State were to opt out of purchasing electronics that contain tiny amounts of beryllium, it will needlessly waste millions of taxpayer's dollars by purchasing inferior electronic products. Additional negative economic repercussions would follow from generating more electronic waste with the associated increase in energy and labor costs to New York to transport, process, recover and recycle failed electronic equipment. It is difficult to see how a recommendation by the Interagency Committee or the Procurement Subcommittee to list beryllium will have anything other than a detrimental impact on both environment and taxpayers in New York.
5. Beryllium containing materials do not present an environmental or occupational hazard when recycled in electronic scrap or discarded in a landfill. A study conducted at United Recycling Inc. in Franklin Park, Illinois revealed no occupational exposure issues with copper beryllium during the processing of cell phone scrap. As noted by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) in its 2002 report, beryllium in soils, like aluminum, is very

immobile because of its tendency to adsorb onto clay surfaces. Thus, beryllium has not been found to migrate or leach through soils to contaminate groundwater.

6. The European Union (EU) Directive on the Restriction of the use of certain Hazardous Substances in electrical and electronic equipment (RoHS) list does not contain beryllium. As part of a review of RoHS, the European Commission evaluated beryllium along with 44 other substances to make revisions to the list of substances covered by the RoHS Directive. The final report did not recommend including beryllium for restriction, and most recently, the European member states agreed not to add beryllium to the restricted list.
7. A worldwide beryllium workplace protection program exists for all who handle beryllium occupationally. As a world leader in beryllium production and technology, Brush Wellman strives to remain a leader in medical knowledge of beryllium and in the environmental, health and safety aspects of the material as well. For more than twelve years, the company has partnered with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) to study beryllium exposures to workers and to develop safe practices to protect employees, customers and their downstream customers. NIOSH considers this public-private research partnership a model for advancing research to practice. An award-winning product stewardship program was developed from the collaborative research with NIOSH, which today guides users of beryllium materials to handle them safely.

Overall, we believe the Committee recommendation of developing a list is unnecessary and harmful to a broad group of businesses important to New York. Federal consumer protection and chemical regulations are already in place to address the safety of consumer products. Also, Congress is currently considering changes to the Toxic Substances Control Act. New York should not establish a separate regulatory scheme, which would punish New York industry prior to the conclusion of the federal deliberations.

Considering the delicate economic climate, now is not the time to do anything that would jeopardize manufacturing jobs in New York or a vital U.S. industry.

Beryllium is a both a strategic and critical material that provides countless benefits to our society. As the primary free world producer of the material, we respectfully ask that you revisit your recommendations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Theodore L. Knudson, CIH
Director, Product Stewardship

From: Zwickel, Howard
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 9:29 AM
To: Roth, Jaime
Subject: FW: EO 4 Sustainability and Green Procurement Subcommittee

From: Gould, Ken [<mailto:ken.gould@owenscorning.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 22, 2010 1:11 PM
To: Phillips, Anne; Zwickel, Howard
Cc: Gould, Ken; Steve.Rosario@americanchemistry.com; Schanze, Chris; Angus Crane (Angus Crane)
Subject: EO 4 Sustainability and Green Procurement Subcommittee

I am writing on behalf of Owens Corning, a major employer in the State of New York and manufacturer of fiber glass insulation at its plant located in Delmar, New York. Owens Corning has just become aware of the meeting of the EO 4 Sustainability and Green Procurement Subcommittee that is scheduled for tomorrow. Our industry has been generally following the Committee's activities through its trade association. Given the Thanksgiving holidays, vacations and the short notice for this meeting it will not be possible for our industry to fully understand the proposal in its current form or to provide comments prior to that meeting. We are concerned that your committee's actions may result in precluding the use of fiber glass insulation. Such a result would have an adverse effect not only on our industry and our Delmar Plant but also on initiatives to reduce energy consumption and associated green house gas emissions. Insulation is the most cost effective and immediate way to achieve reductions in the emission of green house gases. Fiber glass insulation accounts for approximately 80% of the insulation market. If your actions preclude the use of fiber glass insulation to reduce emissions of green house gases, it will delay achieving desired reductions in those emissions and make it more costly to do so. As such, our industry would appreciate an opportunity to better understand the proposal that is before your committee and to respond to it in a meaningful way.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 1:02 PM
To: GreenEO4
Subject: Fw: We Need Your Help!

To Whom it Concerns,

I full support the adoption of the recommendations in the document entitled "Consideration of Chemicals in the Development of Green Specifications" for use in the procurement of products and services for the State. I am very concerned about human health, toxins and pollution, and I feel that the state shuld adopt the recommendations made in this document.

Sincerely yours,

H [REDACTED]

H [REDACTED]

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Dear friends of Grassroots,

New York State is on the threshold of a new era in the effort to reduce chemical toxins in our environment. Last month, an inter-agency committee voted to recommend the adoption of a document entitled "Consideration of Chemicals in the Development of Green Specifications" to use in the procurement of products and services for the State.

The list of chemicals, developed by a committee of advisors appointed by Governor Patterson pursuant to his Executive Order 4 (hence, the "EO4 Committee"), is based on lists developed by the National Toxicology Program (a program of the Federal Department of Health and Human Services) and the Chemicals of Concern list developed by the Environmental Protection Agency. Three additional chemicals from EPA's "Chemical Action Plan" have been added to the list, including BPA, PBDEs and PFOAs.

It is extremely important that the NYS Office of General Services hear from groups and individuals during a public comment period that will end on December 23rd.

Here are some key points to consider:

- Adoption of the list will reduce the amount of taxpayer dollars currently being spent on chemicals that pollute our air, contaminate our water and negatively impact our health.
- Adoption of the list will promote growth in the green economy, creating jobs and sparking innovation.
- Adoption of the list will provide local and municipal government agencies with a concise and well-vetted list of chemicals to avoid when purchasing goods and services.

If you would like to show your support of this groundbreaking effort, please e-mail or send a letter of support to an address below. Once again, this public comment period ends on December 23rd, and we are hoping to have a final vote before the year ends.

To view the statement of the EO4 Committee, go to
<http://www.ogs.state.ny.us/EO/4/docs/TentativelyApproved.pdf>

To view the list itself, go to <http://www.ogs.state.ny.us/EO/4/docs/ExhF.pdf>

Send your comments electronically to GreenEO4@ogs.state.ny.us, or by mail to:

OGS Acting Commissioner Carla Chiaro
41st Floor
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Albany NY 12242

We so appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

Patti Wood
Executive Director
Member, EO4 Advisory Council Member
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From: M [REDACTED] W [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 3:10 PM
To: GreenEO4
Subject: please keep chemicals out of our state

To Whom It May concern at the NY Office of General Services,

Please take the list to keep chemicals out of our environment very seriously. When chemicals pollute the air, ground, and water the health of our people is compromised. As a teacher and a mother of 4 young children I am so concerned about the ill health effects of chemicals. There are so many alternatives to toxins and in fact, in our home on long island and at our school in old westbury we are completely chemical free when using cleaning agents, in lawn care, and personal health. We are healthier group of people b/c of it.

When you choose to eliminate chemicals from the work/ home environment, everyone benefits. Taxpayer dollars can be used more efficiently on things that improve our general help, not detract from it. More green jobs will be created, which our local economy desperately needs. Moreover it will be simple for employees and the general public for purchase the best chemical free choices out there.

Please adopt the chemical-free list that will improve the lives of all NY'ers.

Thank you for your time,
M [REDACTED] W [REDACTED]

M [REDACTED] W [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: J [REDACTED] O [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 3:18 PM
To: GreenEO4
Subject: Executive Order 4

I am writing in support of the Executive Order 4 adoption of the document "Consideration of Chemicals in the Development of Green Specifications" to use in the procurement of products and services for the State.

Thank you,

[REDACTED] M [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: D. [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 4:01 PM
To: GreenEO4
Subject: Chemicals in the Development of Green Specifications

December 14, 2010

Dear Commissioner Chiaro,

I am requesting that the least toxic chemicals be used in the procurement of products and services for the State .

Adoption of the list of chemicals as determined by the committee of advisors appointed by Governor Patterson pursuant to his Executive Order 4 (hence, the "EO4 Committee"), and EPA will:

1. Reduce the amount of taxpayer dollars currently being spent on chemicals that pollute our air, contaminate our water and negatively impact our health.
2. Promote growth in the green economy, creating jobs and sparking innovation.
3. Provide local and municipal government agencies with a concise and well-vetted list of chemicals to avoid when purchasing goods and services.

Sincerely,

Dr. D. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 4:18 PM
To: GreenEO4
Subject: "Consideration of Chemicals in the Development of Green Specifications"

Dear Sir/Madam;

I join in and support efforts to reduce the pollutants and contaminants in our environment. I am aware that a list of these is under consideration by the legislature and reiterate and support several reasons it makes sense to act on this important initiative:

"Consideration of Chemicals in the Development of Green Specifications"

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With thanks for your time and attention,

B. R. [REDACTED]

From: L. K. [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 5:55 PM
To: GreenEO4
Subject: Green Specs

Pls adopt Consideration of Chemicals in the Development of Green Specifications as it is vitally important for municipalities to know what they're buying and using (or not) and can save taxpayers AND the environment funds and reduction of toxicity to our soil and water table.

It is essential to our human safety.

Thank you,

K. L. [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 11:08 PM
To: GreenEO4
Subject: "Consideration of Chemicals in the Development of Green Specifications"

I support the adoption of inter-agency committee recommendation entitled "Consideration of Chemicals in the Development of Green Specifications" to be used in the procurement of products and services for the State. I have seen the young daughters of two friends suffer from cancer and believe that our overuse of chemicals in our homes, on our lawns and in public places impacts the health of children and adults.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

J [REDACTED] A [REDACTED]
New Rochelle, NY

From: D [REDACTED] W [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 8:28 AM
To: GreenEO4
Subject: Executive Order 4

Dear Acting Commissioner Chiaro,

I am writing in support of the Executive Order 4 adoption of the document "Consideration of Chemicals in the Development of Green Specifications" to use in the procurement of products and services for the State.

It is critically important that we start being proactive in our approach to toxic chemicals and avoid exposures wherever it is possible. This step would move us along that path.

Sincerely,

Katie Weisman

Director of Communications and Public Policy

Coalition for SafeMinds

www.safeminds.org

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 10:56 AM
To: GreenEO4
Subject: EO 4 Effort to Reduce Environmental Toxins

Dear Sirs;

I strongly urge NY State to adopt the guidelines for procuring chemicals for use as outlined in **the document "Consideration of Chemicals in the Development of Green Specifications"** developed by HHS, the EPA and the EO 4, the committee appointed by NYS Governor Patterson to address this vital concern.

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By adopting these guidelines, New York State will usher in a new era in the effort to reduce chemical toxins in our environment.

Yours truly,

M. Z. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: Carpenter, David O [Carpent@uamail.albany.edu]
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2010 8:07 AM
To: GreenEO4
Subject: FW: Chemicals of Concern in Products
Attachments: OGS.doc

Please find attached my letter in support of the subject recommendation. Thank you for your consideration.

David O. Carpenter, M.D.
Director, Institute for Health and the Environment
University at Albany
Rensselaer, NY 12144
518-525-2660 (phone)
518-525-2665 (FAX)
Email: carpent@uamail.albany.edu

10 December 2010

Dear Office of General Services,

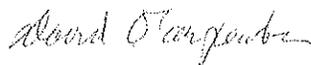
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Yours sincerely,



David O. Carpenter, M.D.
Director, Institute for Health and the Environment
University at Albany

From: Tracy Basile [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2010 12:42 PM
To: GreenEO4
Subject: support chemical list

As a professor of Environmental Studies at Pace University I ask you to support and adopt the report concerning toxic chemicals and their use in New York State – “Consideration of Chemicals in Development of Green Specifications” to use in the procurement of products and services for the State. This is a huge step in the right direction. It’s smart. It’s based on science for the public welfare. Please give it your full consideration and do what is best for all of New York State.

Sincerely,
Professor Tracy Basile
Pace University
Environmental Studies
Pleasantville NY

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: Jeanne P. [REDACTED]-P. [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 17, 2010 2:11 PM
To: GreenEO4
Subject: Adoption of the list of chemicals

We support the adoption of the list, and the addition of these chemicals to the list.

Jeanne P. [REDACTED] and C. [REDACTED] P. [REDACTED]

From: J [REDACTED] P [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 17, 2010 2:12 PM
To: GreenEO4
Subject: Executive order number four

We support the executive order number four. Please include the additional chemicals to the list.
The Piluso Foundation

From: S [REDACTED] S [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 19, 2010 5:28 PM
To: GreenEO4
Subject: Pine Bush preservation

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RECOMMENDATION

Executive Order No. 4 Interagency Committee on Sustainability and Green Procurement Consideration of Chemicals in the Development of Green Specifications

Executive Order No. 4 (EO 4) charges the Interagency Committee on Sustainability and Green Procurement with the development of green procurement specifications for use by state agencies and public authorities. When choosing priority categories and developing green specifications, EO 4 directs the Committee to consider, among other factors, commodities, services and technology that reduce or

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The federal government has identified chemicals that pose potential harm to human health and the environment. See current U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Waste Minimization Priority List (<http://www.epa.gov/osw/hazard/wastemin/priority.htm>), and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services National Toxicology Program, current Report on Carcinogens, List of Chemicals Known and Reasonably Anticipated to be Human Carcinogens (<http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/index.cfm?objectid=32BA9724-F1F6-975E-7FCE50709CB4C932>). In addition, pursuant to the federal Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), certain chemicals of concern have been identified by the EPA in Action Plans that outline the risks that each chemical may present and identify specific actions EPA will be taking. (<http://www.epa.gov/oppt/existingchemicals/pubs/ecactionpln.html>).

In accordance with its practice since EO 4 was signed, the Committee shall continue to consider chemicals that pose potential health and environmental impacts, including, but not limited to, chemicals identified in the above sources, when developing green procurement specifications and evaluating existing standards and certification programs. The Committee may, depending on available resources, consider additional information that can be obtained with reasonable effort.

The identification of chemicals to consider in green procurement should not be construed as a ban on the purchase of commodities, services or technology containing and/or using such chemicals. Depending on each commodity, service or technology, and whether sufficient alternatives exist in the marketplace, procurement specifications may restrict or allow considered chemicals to be used or contained in certain commodities, services or technologies (e.g., mercury in fluorescent lamps).

From: G [REDACTED] M [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 19, 2010 9:28 PM
To: GreenEO4
Subject: EO4 Chemical List

OGS Acting Commissioner Carla Chiaro
41st Floor
Corning Tower
Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza
Albany NY 12242

Dear Commissioner,

New York State is on the threshold of a new era in the effort to reduce chemical toxins in our environment. Last month, an inter-agency committee voted to recommend the adoption of a document entitled "Consideration of Chemicals in the Development of Green Specifications" to use in the procurement of products and services for the State.

The list of chemicals, developed by a committee of advisors appointed by Governor Patterson pursuant to his Executive Order 4, is based on lists developed by the National Toxicology Program (a program of the Federal Department of Health and Human Services) and the Chemicals of Concern list developed by the Environmental Protection Agency. Three additional chemicals from EPA's "Chemical Action Plan" have been added to the list, including BPA, PBDEs and PFOAs.

This is an important document which has my full support!

- Adoption of the list will reduce the amount of taxpayer dollars currently being spent on chemicals that pollute our air, contaminate our water and negatively impact our health.
- Adoption of the list will promote growth in the green economy, creating jobs and sparking innovation.
- Adoption of the list will provide local and municipal government agencies with a concise and well-vetted list of chemicals to avoid when purchasing goods and services.

Please ensure this moves forward without delay!

Regards,

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From: Wendy Hord [whord@nysutmail.org]
Sent: Monday, December 20, 2010 12:27 PM
To: GreenEO4
Subject: Support for NYS Chemical Avoidance Purchasing Proposal

Importance: High

I am writing on behalf of NYSUT to support the recommendation of the Interagency Committee on Sustainability and Green Procurement titled "Consideration of Chemicals in the Development of Green Specifications".

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New York should join other states that have already acted to implement green purchasing programs, such as our neighbors Massachusetts and New Jersey. It makes sense from a public health, environmental and economic perspective. We also cannot discount the tremendous role government plays in driving market change. For example, we believe that New York's school green cleaning law has resulted in greater selection of less toxic cleaning products. Implementing the Recommendation for EO 4 will further push industry towards innovation and production of more products that are less toxic and effective.

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From: C [REDACTED] C [REDACTED]
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