

# TSCA New Chemicals Re-Engineering

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- Section 5 of TSCA requires premanufacture notification of chemical substances not on the TSCA inventory 90 days before manufacture
  - PMN
  - Exemptions (e.g., low volume, polymer, test market)
- Need for process efficiencies to:
  - Reduce/eliminate paper processing
  - Streamline review and approval
  - Reduce EPA-company transaction costs
  - Help ensure consistent decision-making
  - Integrate with “existing chemical” decision-making



# Phase One - ePMN

- Will require rulemaking
- Target date – proposed rule in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter CY2008; final rule in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter
- Will require reporting of new user fee identifying number
- Shift to electronic submissions via CDX (i.e., internet) and/or CD-ROM (w/ approved format)
- Form redesign for machine readability
- Develop e-processes for EPA-Company transactions



## Phase Two – Program Enhancements

- Currently at issue identification phase
- Target – proposed rule by end of CY 2008
- Some issues to resolve through Phase Two:
  - Low (50%) Notice of Commencement (NOC) rate
  - Incomplete PMNs
  - Promoting pollution prevention via exemption
  - Possible category SNURs



# Internal Process Improvements

- Reduce backlog of SNURs needing promulgation
- Reduce backlog of cases in suspension
- Train staff and implement Lotus Notes system to more efficiently handle work flow