

ChAMP: One Year Later



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Why ChAMP? Why Now?



- **Need for publicly-available information on chemicals**
- **Need for prioritization of chemicals in commerce, based on hazard and exposure**
- **Need for transparent risk management program**
- **Need for inventory of chemicals actually in commerce**

Demand for Chemical Information



- Gained notice in 1990s, with Environmental Defense Fund report called *Toxic Ignorance*
 - Chemical information lacking
 - ✦ Difficult for public to find and understand
 - Public needs information for decision-making
- Political will for more information, evaluations and risk management
 - REACH prompted serious discussions
 - Two distinct approaches evolving

Need for Prioritization



- **Conserves government resources**
- **More efficient to foster decision-making**
- **Increases transparency**
- **Must include communications to public**
 - **Prioritized for what?**
 - ✦ **Further work?**
 - ✦ **Risk management?**

Transparency



- **Processes**
 - Flow diagrams and step-wise explanations
 - Generally cover steps of a tiered, targeted process
- **Decisions for further work**
 - User-friendly to the public
 - Balance between CBI and transparency
- **Risk management decisions**
 - What, how and why

TSCA Inventory Reset



- There are not 82,000 chemicals in commerce
- Should the Inventory be compartmentalized?
 - Active and Inactive Inventories?
 - How will polymers be handled?
- Consideration for chemicals that went through the PMN process
- Communication for low-volume chemicals

What Now & What's Next?



- **HPV hazard and risk characterizations**
 - Prioritization for further work should mirror how OECD labels chemicals
 - ✦ A single prioritization list could be viewed as a blacklist

- **MPV hazard and risk characterizations**
 - Like in Canada, general use categories could put hazards into context and inform further work

Risk Management under ChAMP



- Focus should be on functional uses
 - Must not become a registration scheme
- What is the appropriate level of detail for hazard and exposure information?
- Could DfE and other multi-stakeholder approaches serve as models?
 - EPA as convener



Questions?