

California Department of Toxic Substances Control

Please see comments from the California Department of Toxic Substances Control attached.



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DTSC's Safer Consumer Products Program

COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED RULE TO RESTRICT INTENTIONALLY ADDED FORMALDEHYDE-RELEASING CHEMICALS IN COSMETICS

Dear Washington Department of Ecology,

On behalf of the California Department of Toxic Substances Control's Safer Consumer Products (SCP) Program, we are writing in support of Washington Department of Ecology's (Ecology) work involving intentionally added formaldehyde-releasing chemicals (FRCs) in cosmetics.

Our mission at SCP is to advance the design, development, and use of products that are chemically safer for people and the environment. We see the work being done at Ecology concerning FRCs as mission-aligned and want to voice our support for your efforts to promote safer products. Ecology's work serves as an inspiration and we will be following Washington's rulemaking, given its alignment with California's work to study hazardous chemicals in personal care products. In particular, we find your focus on the disproportionate impacts of FRCs on communities of color and beauty professionals to be of great importance and we congratulate you all on your excellent work.

Sincerely,

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