

Green Chemistry Stakeholder Meeting
Questions for Afternoon Session
December 12, 2007

To help facilitate discussion in the brainstorming and organizing for results sessions in the afternoon, we are asking each stakeholder to consider the four questions below. If you are unable to attend the meeting and wish to express your opinion on how the DEQ should proceed with implementing Governor Jennifer M. Granholm's Executive Directive No. 2006-6, "Promotion of Green Chemistry for Sustainable Economic Development and Protection of Public Health", please email me your response by December 21, 2007. The responses in addition to our discussion will be used for planning and prioritizing the objectives of the Green Chemistry Support Program.

1. Considering the content and goals of Michigan's Green Chemistry Executive Directive, what three areas within the Green Chemistry Support Program should be prioritized over the next twelve months?

2. Given your interests in furthering Green Chemistry in Michigan, what resources can you commit, or identify to work in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) in moving this program forward?

3. Are there other key stakeholders from academia, industry, government, or the non-profit sector that should be invited into discussions about the program?

4. What would be the most effective format for discussions amongst stakeholders in between meetings on the Green Chemistry Support Program (conference calls, a discussion forum, etc.)?

Green Chemistry Support Program

- (a) To the extent consistent with budget considerations and limitations, the Department, in conjunction with the green chemistry roundtable and other appropriate state departments, institutions of higher education, and other parties, shall establish a Green Chemistry Support Program to promote and coordinate state green chemistry research, development, demonstration, education, and technology transfer activities.
- (b) The activities of the Program shall be designed, where feasible and practical, to:
 - (1) provide encouragement for green chemistry research, development, demonstration, education, and technology transfer;
 - (2) examine methods by which state government can create incentives for consideration and use of green chemistry processes and products;
 - (3) facilitate the adoption of green chemistry innovations;
 - (4) expand education and training of undergraduate and graduate students, and professional chemists and chemical engineers, including through partnerships with industry, in green chemistry science and engineering utilizing existing Department programs;
 - (5) collect and disseminate information on green chemistry research, development, and technology transfer, including information on:
 - a. incentives and implementation strategies to promote development and commercialization,
 - b. accomplishments,
 - c. best practices, and
 - d. costs and benefits;
 - (6) provide venues for outreach and dissemination of green chemistry advances such as symposia, forums, conferences, and written materials in collaboration with, as appropriate, industry, academia, scientific and professional societies, and other relevant groups;
 - (7) provide for public input and outreach to be integrated into the Program by the convening of public discussions, through mechanisms such as citizen panels, consensus conferences, and educational events, as appropriate; and
 - (8) annually present a Director's Green Chemistry Award, promoting excellence, innovation, economic development and public health risk reduction by businesses and institutions.