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Chair, Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials Committee

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Committee to Hold Oversight Hearing on Green Chemistry: Eliminating Toxic Chemicals from Our Homes

(SACRAMENTO)— The Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee will convene an oversight hearing on March 17, 2010 to investigate the State of California's efforts to enforce state laws requiring safe, healthy alternatives to toxic consumer products. These laws are often referred to as the Green Chemistry Initiative.

"The Legislature has approved strong standards for reducing the use of toxic chemicals in consumer products" said Assemblyman Wesley Chesbro (D-Arcata), the chair of the Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials Committee. "The oversight hearing will review the progress state agencies have made to implement the Green Chemistry Initiative, which was created to provide a mechanism for public information on toxics in products and for regulatory action to reduce the use and generation of toxic chemicals."

"A robust Green Chemistry program is essential if we are to ensure that the products Californians use every day don't contain toxins that can lead to cancer and other diseases," said Assemblyman Mike Feuer (D-Los Angeles). "The bills that were signed into law in 2008, AB 1879 and SB 509, created the framework. Now we need a strong set of regulations to make this crucial program a reality."

What: Oversight Hearing on Green Chemistry – Is the State of California meeting its obligation to eliminate toxic chemicals from our homes?

Who:

- Assembly Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials
- Linda Adams, Secretary, California Environmental Protection Agency
- Maziar Movassaghi, Director, Department of Toxic Substances Control
- Debbie Raphael, Toxics Reduction/Green Building Program Manager, Department of the Environment, San Francisco
- Ryan Williams, PhD, Director of Product Safety and Regulatory Affairs, Method Products - Method Products, Inc. is a San Francisco-based company that is a leading innovator of non-toxic, biodegradable home and personal care products.

Where: Hearing Room 126, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA

When: Wednesday March 17, 2010
9:30 a.m. - noon