



Safer Consumer Products Program

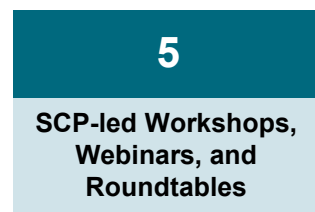
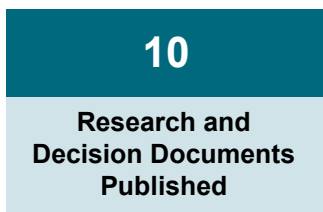
Joint Legislative Hearing Factsheet 2026

Protecting Californians from harmful chemicals in everyday products



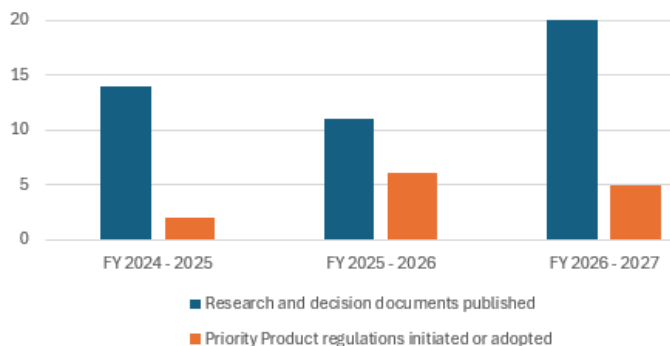
SCP's Record Year for Research, Regulation, and Results

DTSC's Safer Consumer Products (SCP) Program achieved a record year in FY2025-26 advancing science-based regulations, completing several product evaluations, strengthening compliance efforts, and engaging with interested parties across California.



Legislative Reform Enabled SCP's Growth and Accelerated Regulatory Actions

Recent legislative actions enabled SCP to double the number of scientists, engineers, and analysts on staff. With this growth, SCP met its current performance measure of five Priority Product regulations initiated or adopted in FY2025-26 and is on track to continue to meet this target in FY2026-27. To see the latest forecast for SCP activities, visit the [SCP Timeline](#).



Listing Regulations Proposed or Finalized in FY2025-26

- ✓ **Final Regulation (effective 4/1/26):** [Nail products containing methyl methacrylate \(MMA\) \(>1,000 ppm\)](#)
- ✓ **Final Regulation (effective 10/1/26):** [para-Phenylenediamine \(PPD\) derivatives Candidate Chemicals listing](#)
- ✓ **Final Regulation (effective 10/1/26):** [Microplastics Candidate Chemicals listing](#)
- ✓ **Proposed & Final Regulation (effective 10/1/26):** [Nail products containing triphenyl phosphate \(TPhP\) \(>250 ppm\)](#)
- ✓ **Proposed Regulations:** [Manual dish detergents and shampoos containing 1,4-dioxane \(> 1 ppm\)](#)
- ✓ **Proposed Regulation:** [Cleaning products containing hydrofluoric acid](#)
- ✓ **Proposed Regulation:** [Certain acids and bases Candidate Chemicals listing](#)



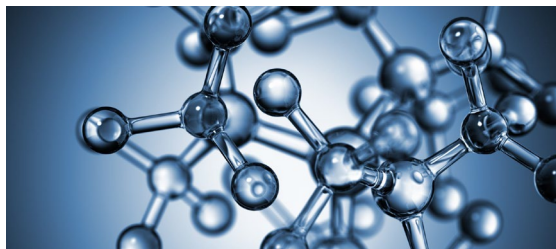
About SCP

Established in 2013, the mission of the SCP Program is to advance the design, development, and use of products that are chemically safer for people and the environment.





SCP Continues to Maintain a Strong Research Pipeline



SCP maintains a strong and steadily advancing research pipeline that reflects both the program's expanded scientific depth and its commitment to protecting public health and the environment. Over the past year, SCP continued to move a diverse portfolio of product-chemical evaluations forward, such as our work on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFASs) in several product categories and our efforts to better understand the science of microplastics generated from consumer products.

This robust and maturing research pipeline supports future regulatory action and ensures the program remains responsive to consumer product concerns.

Research Documents Published in FY2025-26

- ✓ [Final Profile: Cleaning and personal care products containing 1,4-dioxane](#)
- ✓ [Final Profile: Cleaning products containing hydrofluoric acid](#)
- ✓ [Draft Profile: Floor polishes and waxes containing PFASs](#)
- ✓ [Draft Profile: Leave-on products containing preservatives](#)
- ✓ [Research Document: Consumer products containing microplastics](#)
- ✓ [Research Document: Artificial turf containing PFASs](#)
- ✓ [Decision Document: Intimate care products](#)
- ✓ [Decision Document: Styrene in children's products](#)
- ✓ [Research Document: Certain acids and bases](#)
- ✓ [Publication: Laboratory study of chemicals in nail products and exposure assessment using USEtox](#)
- ✓ [Publication: USEtox modeling of children's exposures to bisphenol A and alternatives in toys](#)
- ✓ [Publication: Quaternary ammonium compounds: a standardized nomenclature approach to enhance understanding of an understudied class of compounds](#)



Strategic Regulatory Actions and Approaches Broaden SCP's Impact

SCP is using its direct-to-regulatory response authority and evaluating chemical classes to broaden its impact, avoid regrettable substitutions, and enhance efficiency. Program staff also constantly seek other ways to improve. In parallel, SCP continues to engage in post-regulatory activities to ensure compliance with existing regulations.

Use of direct to regulatory response authority

- Critical to address certain public health and environmental threats in California
- Proposed banning cleaning products containing hydrofluoric acid

Addressing microplastics and PFASs

- Published document on microplastics in consumer products research and finalized listing as a Candidate Chemical
- Continued to research PFASs in multiple product categories

Post regulatory activities

- Issued first regulatory responses for spray foam systems containing unreacted methylene diphenyl diisocyanates
- Continued compliance testing across multiple Priority Products



Early-Stage Research Continues to Inform Future Protections



SCP continues to conduct broad, early-stage research to identify potential product-chemical combinations that may warrant deeper evaluation or future regulatory action. This work provides the scientific foundation for prioritizing product-chemical combinations, protecting public and environmental health, and guiding future regulatory decisions.

List of Ongoing Early-Stage Research Projects

- ☐ [Adhesives](#)
- ☐ [Artificial turf](#)
- ☐ [Autobody fillers containing styrene](#)
- ☐ [Children's products](#)
- ☐ [Cleaning and personal care products containing fragrances](#)
- ☐ [Cleaning and personal care products containing QACs](#)
- ☐ [Fishing weights containing lead](#)
- ☐ [Floor maintenance products containing PFASs](#)
- ☐ [Hair and rinse-off products containing formaldehyde releasing preservatives](#)
- ☐ [Hair dyes](#)
- ☐ [Hair straightening products](#)
- ☐ [Hair straightening products containing hydroxides and guanidine carbonate](#)
- ☐ [Intimate care products](#)
- ☐ [Leave-on products containing preservatives](#)
- ☐ [Menstrual products](#)
- ☐ [Microplastics in consumer products](#)
- ☐ [Ski and snowboard waxes, hard-surface sealers, and anti-fog products containing PFASs](#)
- ☐ [Synthetic braiding hair products](#)



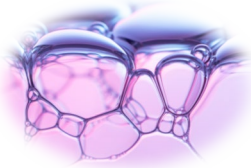
SCP Continues to Shift Markets to Prevent Pollution and Protect People

SCP produces high quality research that informs our [regulations](#), builds global knowledge, and drives market shifts. Highlights include:



Laundry Detergents Containing Nonylphenol Ethoxylates (NPEs)

Listing laundry detergents-containing NPEs prevented an estimated up to **2 million pounds of NPEs** from entering California's aquatic environments.



Paint or Varnish Strippers Containing Methylene Chloride

Listing methylene chloride-based paint strippers reduced up to **1.3 million pounds of methylene chloride** in California each year.



Carpets, Rugs, and Aftermarket Treatments Containing PFASs

Listing carpets, rugs, and aftermarket treatments for textiles and leathers containing PFASs prevented **up to a quarter million pounds** from reaching California homes and workplaces each year.



Nail Products Containing Toluene, MMA, TPhP

Listing nail products containing toluene, MMA, or TPhP will protect **~400,000 nail workers in California and their customers**. Recent work by SCP showed **little to no toluene in nail products tested**.



Manual Dish Detergents and Shampoos Containing 1,4-Dioxane

Listing manual dish detergents and shampoo containing 1,4-dioxane will **protect California's drinking water supplies**.



Cleaning Products Containing Hydrofluoric Acid

Listing cleaning products containing hydrofluoric acid will **protect Californians from permanent injury, including death**.



Motor Vehicle Tires Containing N-(1,3-dimethylbutyl)-N'-phenyl-p-phenylenediamine (6PPD)

Listing motor vehicle tires containing 6PPD will **prevent harm to California's imperiled coho salmon which is a critical resource for California Tribes**.



Children's Foam-Padded Sleeping Products Containing the Flame Retardants TDCPP or TCEP

Listing children's foam-padded sleeping products containing TDCPP or TCEP helped **protect families from these cancer-causing chemicals**.



Why SCP Matters



We protect consumers, workers, and the environment from harmful chemicals

We drive green chemistry innovation across multiple industries

We produce high quality research to inform our actions and advance science

We are global leaders in product research, driving markets toward safer alternatives



SCP's Shadow is Bigger Than Its Shape

SCP's research and regulations have far-reaching impacts in California and beyond. For example, two of our Priority Products have prevented one quarter million pounds of PFASs from entering homes and workplaces each year. That's the weight of a blue whale!



50+

Product-chemical combinations addressed by our first 9 Priority Product Listings

100+

Chemicals or chemical classes researched in 10 product categories since 2014

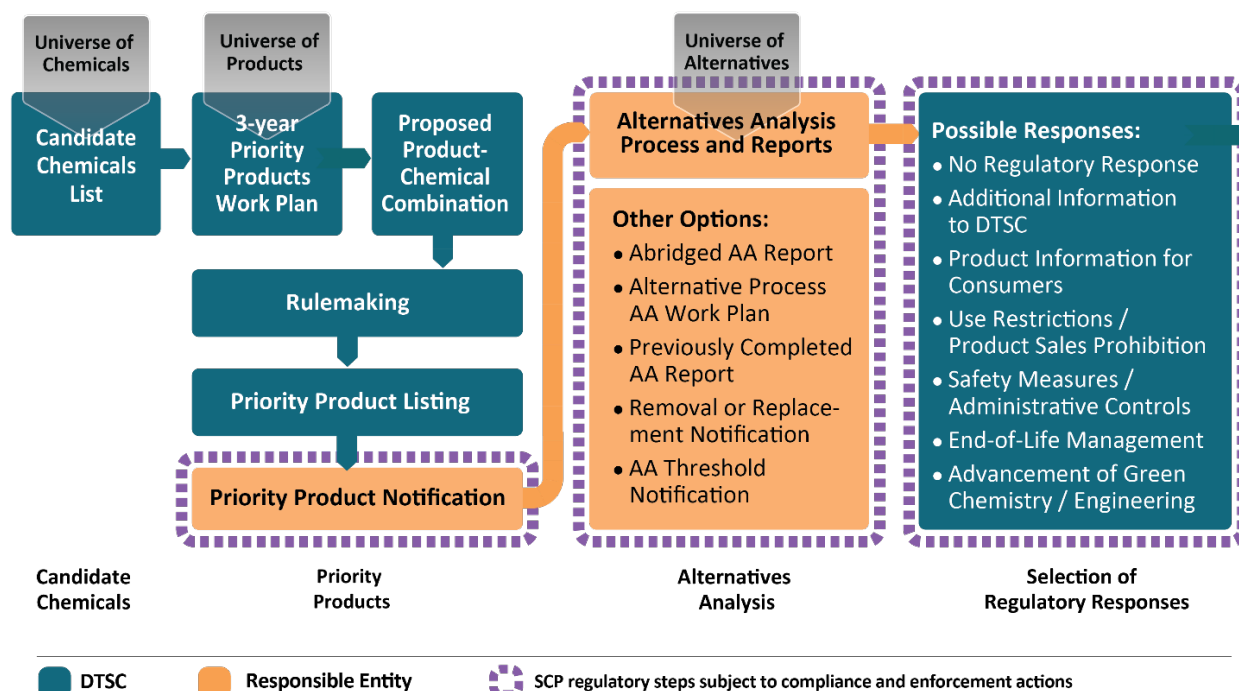
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Lab samples analyzed to verify compliance with SCP Priority Products



About the Safer Consumer Products Program

In 2013, California took a groundbreaking step in the quest for safer products through the creation of the SCP Program. SCP accomplishes this through a combination of scientific research, engagement, regulatory actions, compliance efforts, and by providing guidance and oversight of affected parties.



California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 4.5, Chapters 54 and 55

The SCP framework identifies safer alternatives through a scientifically driven, collaborative, and thorough analysis process. Using a science-based process, SCP strives to reduce hazardous chemicals in consumer products and promote the adoption of green chemistry principles and safer alternatives to concerning chemicals in consumer products.