

## ***Risk Policy Report***

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### ***Key Green Chemistry Advocate Nominated To State Advisory Panel***

A University of California (UC) researcher who authored a report credited for helping launch the Green Chemistry Initiative at California's Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) has been nominated to sit on a key panel that will oversee green chemistry policies to be proposed by the toxics department.

Meanwhile, various industry officials have nominated more than a dozen candidates to serve on the agency's "Green Ribbon Science Panel" to oversee the state initiative, sources said.

State toxics department officials say they hope to have a large pool of candidates to draw from and will select those with the strongest chemical policy backgrounds. The formation of the state's green chemistry oversight panel is important to major stakeholder groups because members are expected to play a major role in steering much of the green chemistry program, while giving advice to the toxics department on how to implement various green chemistry policies.

Mike Wilson, a UC-Berkeley research scientist, says he has been nominated to serve and that he would participate if asked. He adds that another scientist in the UC-Berkeley chemical policy program, Dr. Megan Schwarzman, has also been nominated and will participate if asked.

Wilson was the author of a 2006 report to the state legislature seen as largely responsible for lawmakers advancing green chemistry bills and Cal/EPA's decision to launch the Green Chemistry Initiative.

Cal/EPA accepted applications for people to serve on the panel until Jan. 5. The department expects the initial meeting of the panel to be held in the spring, according to the department's website.

The panel will provide advice on scientific matters, chemical policy recommendations and implementation strategies. The panel is supposed to consist of members with expertise in the areas of chemistry, chemical engineering, environmental law, public policy, risk analysis, and a variety of other arenas.

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