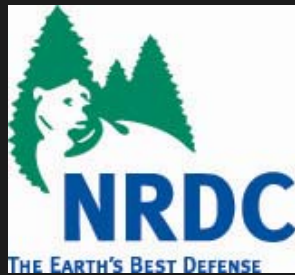
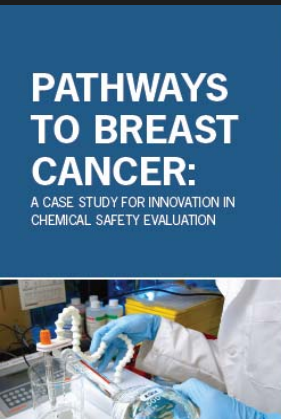


# Pathways to Breast Cancer

## A Case Study for Innovation in Chemical Safety Evaluation



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# U.S. Chemical Production & Importation

- 74 billion lbs/day
- 80,000+ chemical substances, millions of products
- 3,000 High Production Volume chemicals
- ~1,000 new chemicals/year



# Biomonitoring of Chemicals

2009

Fourth National Report on Human Exposure to Environmental Chemicals

CDC measured 212 substances in the 2003-04 NHANES cohort

<b>Acrylamide</b>
Acrylamide hemoglobin adducts *
Glycidamide hemoglobin adducts *
<b>Cotinine</b>
<b>N,N-Diethyl-meta-toluamide (DEET)</b>
<b>Environmental Phenols</b>
Benzophenone-3 (2-Hydroxy-4-methoxybenzophenone) *
Bisphenol A (2,2-bis[4-(4-hydroxyphenyl) propane] *)
4-tert-Octylphenol (4-[1,1,3,3-tetra-methylbutyl] phenol) *
Triclosan (2,4,4'-Trichloro-2-hydroxyphenyl ether) *
<b>Perchlorate *</b>
<b>Pesticides</b>
<b>Fungicides</b>
Pentachlorophenol
ortho-Pheylphenol
<b>Insecticides</b>
Acetochlor mercaptate
Alachlor mercaptate
Azinphos mercaptate
2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid
Metolachlor mercaptate
2,4,5-Trichlorophenoxyacetic acid
<b>Carbamate Insecticides</b>
Carbofuranphenol
2-Isopropoxyphenol
<b>Organochlorine Pesticides</b>
Aldrin
Dieldrin
Endrin
o,p'-Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane
p,p'-Dichlorodiphenyldichloroethane (DDE)
p,p'-Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane (DDT)
Heptachlor epoxide
Hexachlorobenzene
beta-Hexachlorocyclohexane
gamma-Hexachlorocyclohexane (Lindane)
Stres
trans-Nonachlor
Oxychloridane
2,4,5-Trichlorophenol
2,4,6-Trichlorophenol
<b>Organophosphorus Insecticides: Dialkyl Phosphate Metabolites</b>
Diethylthiophosphate (DEETP)
Diethylphosphate (DEP)
Diethylthiophosphate (DETP)
Dimethylthiophosphate (DMTDP)
Dimethylphosphate (DMP)
Dimethylthiophosphate (DMTP)
<b>Organophosphorus Insecticides: Specific Metabolites</b>
3-Chloro-7-hydroxy-8-methyl-2H-chromen-2-one/ol
2-(Diethylamino)-6-methylpyrimidin-4-ol-one
2-Isopropyl-6-methyl-5-hydroxypyrimidine
Metolachlor dicarboxylic acid
para-Nitrophenol
3,5,6-Trichloro-2-pyridinol
<b>Pyridinoid Pesticides</b>
2,2-(2-Chlorovinyl)-2,2-dimethylcyclopropane carboxylic acid
cis-3-(2,2-Dichlorovinyl)-2,2-dimethylcyclopropane carboxylic acid
trans-3-(2,2-Dichlorovinyl)-2,2-dimethylcyclopropane carboxylic acid
4-Fluoro-3-phenoxybenzoic acid
3-Phenoxybenzoic acid

<b>Metals</b>
<b>Antimony</b>
Arsenic, Total *
Arsenic (V) acid *
Arsenobetaine *
Arsenocholine *
Arsenous (III) acid *
Dimethylarsinic acid *
Monoethylarsonic acid *
Trimethylarsine oxide *
<b>Barium</b>
<b>Beryllium</b>
<b>Cadmium</b>
<b>Cesium</b>
<b>Cobalt</b>
<b>Lead</b>
<b>Mercury</b>
<b>Molybdenum</b>
<b>Platinum</b>
<b>Thallium</b>
<b>Tungsten</b>
<b>Uranium</b>
<b>Perfluorocarboxylics</b>
Perfluorobutane sulfonic acid (PFBS) *
Perfluorodecanoic acid (PFDA) *
Perfluorododecanoic acid (PFDDA) *
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOPA) *
Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) *
2-(Ethyl-perfluorooctane sulfonamido) acetic acid (Et-PFO)
2-(N-methyl-perfluorooctane sulfonamido) acetic acid (Me-PFO)
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) *
Perfluoroundecanoic acid (PFUA) *
<b>Phthalates</b>
Mono-benzyl phthalate (MBzP)
Mono-n-butyl phthalate (MBzP)
Mono-2-carboxypropyl phthalate (MCPP)
Mono-cyclohexyl phthalate (MCHP)
Mono-ethyl phthalate (MEP)
Mono-(2-ethyl-5-carboxypropyl) phthalate (MECPP) *
Mono-(2-ethyl-5-oxohexyl) phthalate (MECHP)
Mono-2-ethylhexyl phthalate (MEHP)
Mono-isobutyl phthalate (MBP)
Mono-isooctyl phthalate (MOP)
Mono-methyl phthalate (MMP)
Mono-n-octyl phthalate (MCP)
<b>Phenolesters</b>
<b>Octadecan</b>
Enterodiol
Enterolactone
Equol
Genistein
O-Destemylangolensin
<b>Brominated Fire Retardants</b>
2,2,4-Tribromodiphenyl ether (BDE 17) *
2,4,4'-Tribromodiphenyl ether (BDE 28) *
2,2',4,4'-Tetrabromodiphenyl ether (BDE 47) *
2,3',4,4'-Tetrabromodiphenyl ether (BDE 66) *
2,2',3,4,4'-Pentabromodiphenyl ether (BDE 85) *
2,2',4,4',5-Pentabromodiphenyl ether (BDE 99) *
2,2',4,4',5-Pentabromodiphenyl ether (BDE 100) *
2,2',4,4',5,5'-Hexabromodiphenyl ether (BDE 153) *
2,2',4,4',5,5'-Hexabromodiphenyl ether (BDE 154) *
2,2',3,4,4',5,5'-Heptabromodiphenyl ether (BDE 183) *
2,2',4,4',5,5'-Hexabromodiphenyl ether (BB 153) *
<b>Non-Dioxin-Like Polychlorinated Biphenyls</b>
2,4,4'-Trichlorobiphenyl (PCB 28)
2,2',3,5'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl (PCB 44) *
2,2',4,5'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl (PCB 49) *
2,2',5,5'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl (PCB 52) *
2,3',4,4'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl (PCB 66)
2,4,4',5'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl (PCB 74)
2,2',3,4,5'-Pentachlorobiphenyl (PCB 87)
2,2',4,4',5'-Pentachlorobiphenyl (PCB 99)
2,2',4,5,5'-Pentachlorobiphenyl (PCB 103)
2,3,3',4',6-Pentachlorobiphenyl (PCB 110)
2,2',3,3',4,4'-Hexachlorobiphenyl (PCB 128)
2,2',3,4,4',5' and 2,3,3',4,4',6-Hexachlorobiphenyl (PCB 138 & 158)
2,2',3,4',5,5'-Hexachlorobiphenyl (PCB 146)
2,2',3,4',5,6-Hexachlorobiphenyl (PCB 149)
2,2',3,5,5',6-Hexachlorobiphenyl (PCB 151)
2,2',4,4',5,5'-Hexachlorobiphenyl (PCB 153)
2,2',3,3',4,4',5-Heptachlorobiphenyl (PCB 170)
2,2',3,3',4,5,5'-Heptachlorobiphenyl (PCB 172)
2,2',3,3',4,5,6-Heptachlorobiphenyl (PCB 173)
2,2',3,3',5,5',6-Heptachlorobiphenyl (PCB 178)
2,2',3,4,4',5,5'-Heptachlorobiphenyl (PCB 180)
2,2',3,4,4',5,6-Heptachlorobiphenyl (PCB 183)
2,2',3,4',4',5,5'-Heptachlorobiphenyl (PCB 187)
2,2',3,3',4,4',5,5'-Octachlorobiphenyl (PCB 194)
2,2',3,3',4,4',5,6-Octachlorobiphenyl (PCB 195)
2,2',3,3',4,4',5,5',6-Octachlorobiphenyl (PCB 196 & 203)
2,2',3,3',4,5,5',6-Octachlorobiphenyl (PCB 199)
2,2',3,3',4,4',5,5',6-Nonachlorobiphenyl (PCB 206)
2,2',3,3',4,4',5,5',6,6'-Decachlorobiphenyl (PCB 209) *
<b>Dioxin-Like Chemicals</b>
<b>Polychlorinated Dibenzo-p-dioxins</b>
1,2,3,4,6,7,8-Heptachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (HpCDD)
1,2,3,4,7,8-Hexachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (HxCDD)
1,2,3,6,7,8-Hexachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (HxCDD)
1,2,3,7,8,9-Hexachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (HxCDD)
1,2,3,4,6,7,8,9-Octachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (OCDD)
1,2,3,7,8-Pentachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (PeCDD)
2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (TCDD)
<b>Polychlorinated Dibenzofurans</b>
1,2,3,4,6,7,8-Heptachlorodibenzofuran (HpCDF)
1,2,3,4,7,8,9-Heptachlorodibenzofuran (HpCDF)
1,2,3,4,7,8-Hexachlorodibenzofuran (HxCDF)
1,2,3,6,7,8-Hexachlorodibenzofuran (HxCDF)
1,2,3,7,8,9-Hexachlorodibenzofuran (HxCDF)
2,3,4,6,7,8-Hexachlorodibenzofuran (HxCDF)
1,2,3,4,6,7,8,9-Octachlorodibenzofuran (OCDF)
1,2,3,7,8-Pentachlorodibenzofuran (PeCDF)
2,3,4,8-Pentachlorodibenzofuran (PeCDF)
2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzofuran (TCDF)
<b>Coplanar Polychlorinated Biphenyls</b>
3,4,4',5-Tetrachlorobiphenyl (PCB 81)
3,3',4,4',5-Pentachlorobiphenyl (PCB 126)
3,3',4,4',5,5'-Hexachlorobiphenyl (PCB 169)
<b>Mono-ortho-substituted Polychlorinated Biphenyls</b>
2,3,3',4,4'-Pentachlorobiphenyl (PCB 105)
2,3',4,4',5-Pentachlorobiphenyl (PCB 118)
2,3,3',4,4',5-Hexachlorobiphenyl (PCB 156)
2,3,3',4,4',5,5'-Hexachlorobiphenyl (PCB 157)
2,3',4,4',5,5'-Hexachlorobiphenyl (PCB 167)
2,3,3',4,4',5,5'-Heptachlorobiphenyl (PCB 189)

<b>Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)</b>
2-Hydroxyfluorene
3-Hydroxyfluorene
9-Hydroxyfluorene
1-Hydroxynaphthalene (1-Naphthol)
2-Hydroxynaphthalene (2-Naphthol)
1-Hydroxyphenanthrene
2-Hydroxyphenanthrene
3-Hydroxyphenanthrene
4-Hydroxyphenanthrene
1-Hydroxypyrene
<b>Disinfection By-Products (Trihalomethanes)</b>
<b>Bromodichloromethane *</b>
Dibromochloromethane (Chlorodibromomethane) *
Tetrabromomethane (Bromoform) *
Trichloromethane (Chloroform) *
<b>Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)</b>
<b>Benzene *</b>
Chlorobenzene (Monochlorobenzene) *
1,2-Dibromo-3-chloropropane (DBCP) *
Dibromomethane *
1,2-Dichlorobenzene (ortho-Dichlorobenzene) *
1,3-Dichlorobenzene (meta-Dichlorobenzene) *
1,4-Dichlorobenzene (para-Dichlorobenzene) *
1,1-Dichloroethane *
1,2-Dichloroethane (Ethylene dichloride) *
1,1-Dichloroethene (Vinylidene chloride) *
cis-1,2-Dichloroethane *
trans-1,2-Dichloroethane *
Dichloromethane (Methylene chloride) *
1,2-Dichloropropane *
2,5-Dimethylfuran (DMF) *
Ethylbenzene *
Hexachloroethane *
Methyl tert-butyl ether (MTBE) *
Nitrobenzene *
Styrene *
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane *
Tetrachloroethene (Perchloroethylene) *
Tetrachloromethane (Carbon tetrachloride) *
Toluene *
1,1,1-Trichloroethane (Methyl chloroform) *
1,1,2-Trichloroethane *
Trichloroethene (Trichloroethylene, TCE) *
meta- and para-Xylene *
ortho-Xylene *

# Biomonitoring of Chemicals & Pollutants: Umbilical Cord Blood and Breast Milk

**BodyBurden**  
The Pollution in Newborns

A benchmark investigation of industrial chemicals, pollutants, and pesticides in human umbilical cord blood

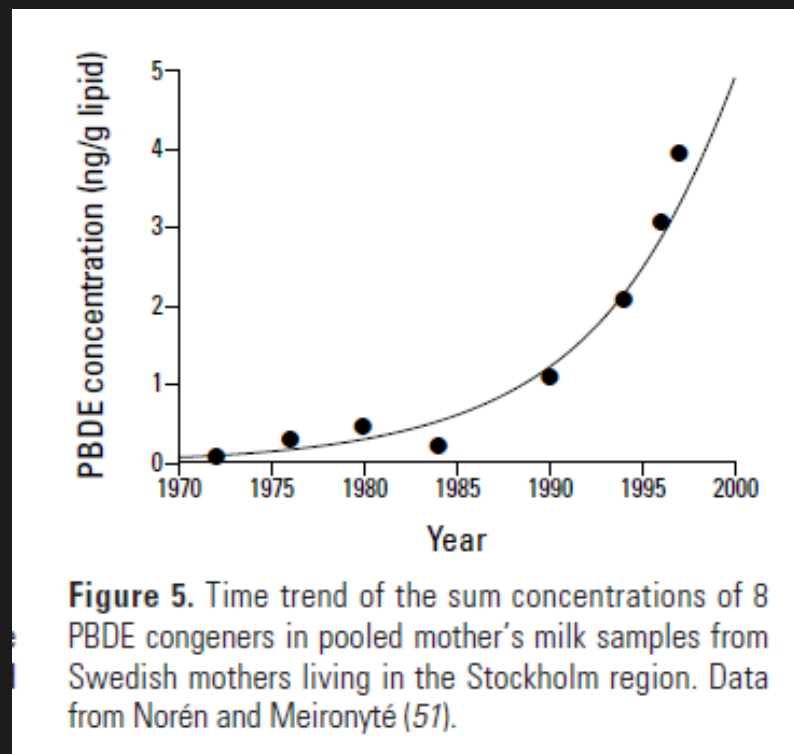
- Mercury
- PCBs
- Flame retardants
- Solvents
- Stain repellants
- Dioxins and furans
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## PBDE Levels in Breast Milk, Sweden



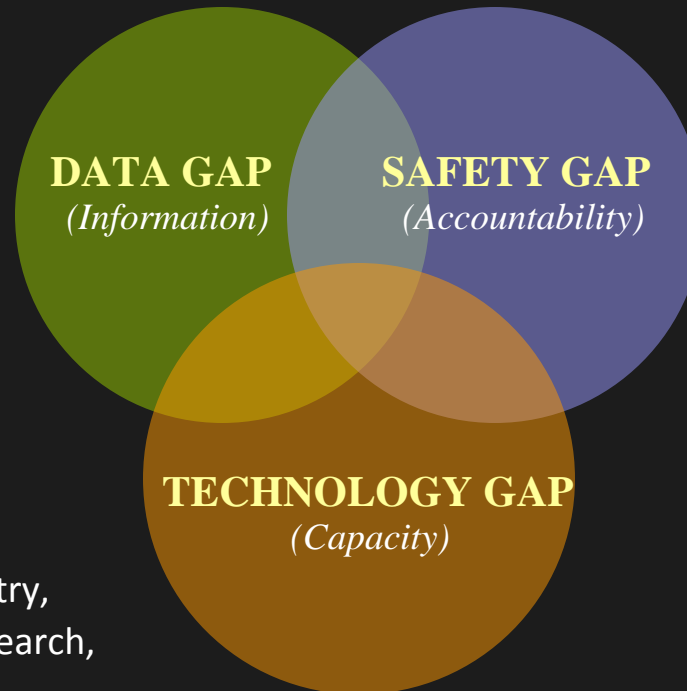


# The Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)

## A Legacy of Three Policy Gaps

62,000 chemicals grandfathered;  
90 day review for new chemicals;  
Health data absent in 85% of new  
chemical notices

5 chemicals/classes formally  
regulated under TSCA since 1976



Minimal investment by industry,  
government, academia in research,  
development, and education.

# Context: New Chemicals Policy in the U.S.



## Federal Toxic Substances Control Act reform

- House and Senate versions, 2010
- Will require chemical testing



## California EPA Green Chemistry Initiative

- Ingredient Disclosure (SB 928 pending)
- Create an Online Toxics Clearinghouse (SB 509)
- Accelerate the Quest for Safer Products (AB 1879)



## Other U.S. State Policies

- Regulation of specific product categories
- Identify and prioritize chemicals of concern
- Eliminate categories of hazards (e.g., known carcinogens)

# European Union Affecting Global Change

A world map showing various countries and their colors. A black circle is drawn around the European continent, highlighting its global influence. The map includes labels for major countries like Canada, USA, Mexico, Brazil, Russia, China, India, and Australia, as well as oceans like the Arctic, North Pacific, and South Pacific. A coordinate grid is visible across the map.

**Cosmetics Directive (2004)**

**WEEE: Waste in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (2005)**

**RoHS: Restriction on Hazardous Substances (2006)**

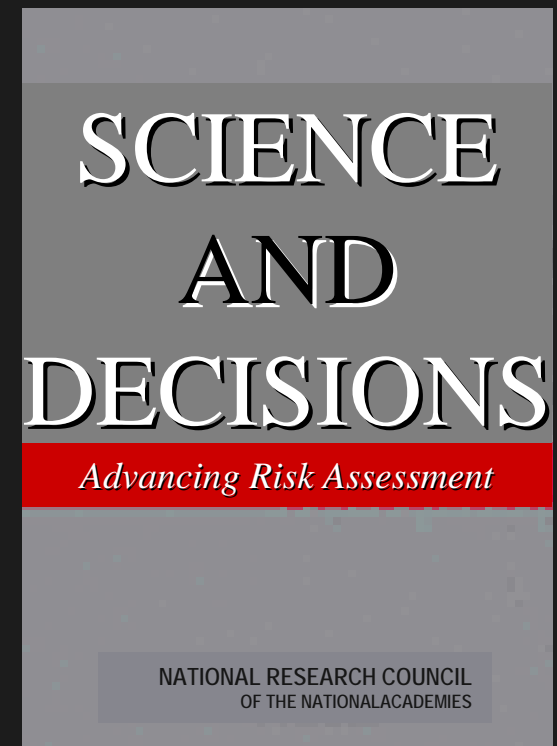
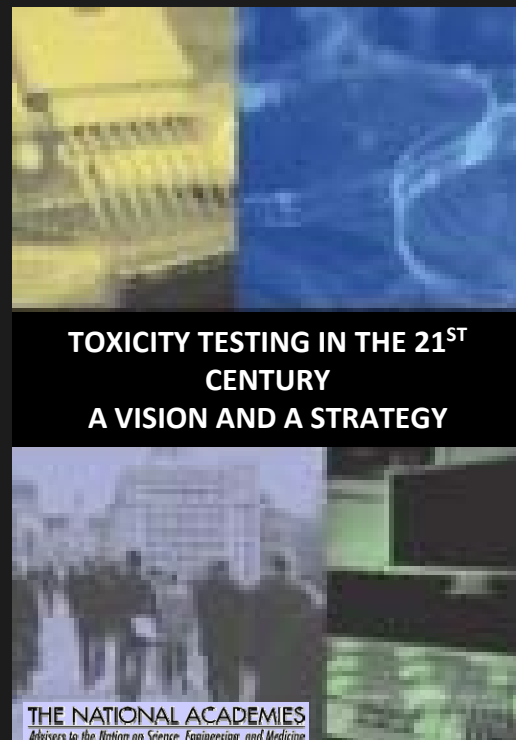
**REACH: Registration, Evaluation, Authorization, and Restriction of Chemicals (2007)**

# Context: Information Needs

Methods for using existing data and current test methods in chemical decision-making.

New tools for:

- Understanding biological pathways
- Toxicity testing methods
- Application of science in decisions



# Chemical Testing Capacity



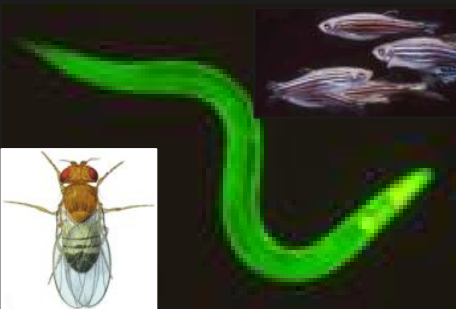
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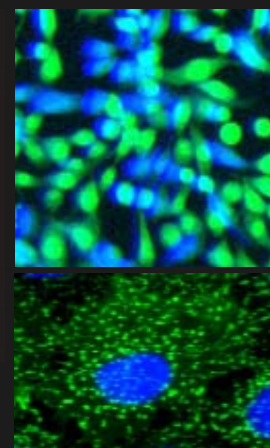
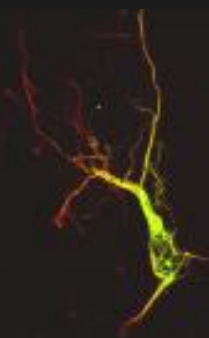
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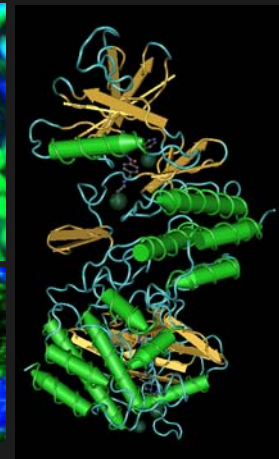
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10,000's/day



100,000's/day



High Throughput &  
Molecular mechanisms

## PATHWAYS TO BREAST CANCER:

A CASE STUDY FOR INNOVATION IN  
CHEMICAL SAFETY EVALUATION

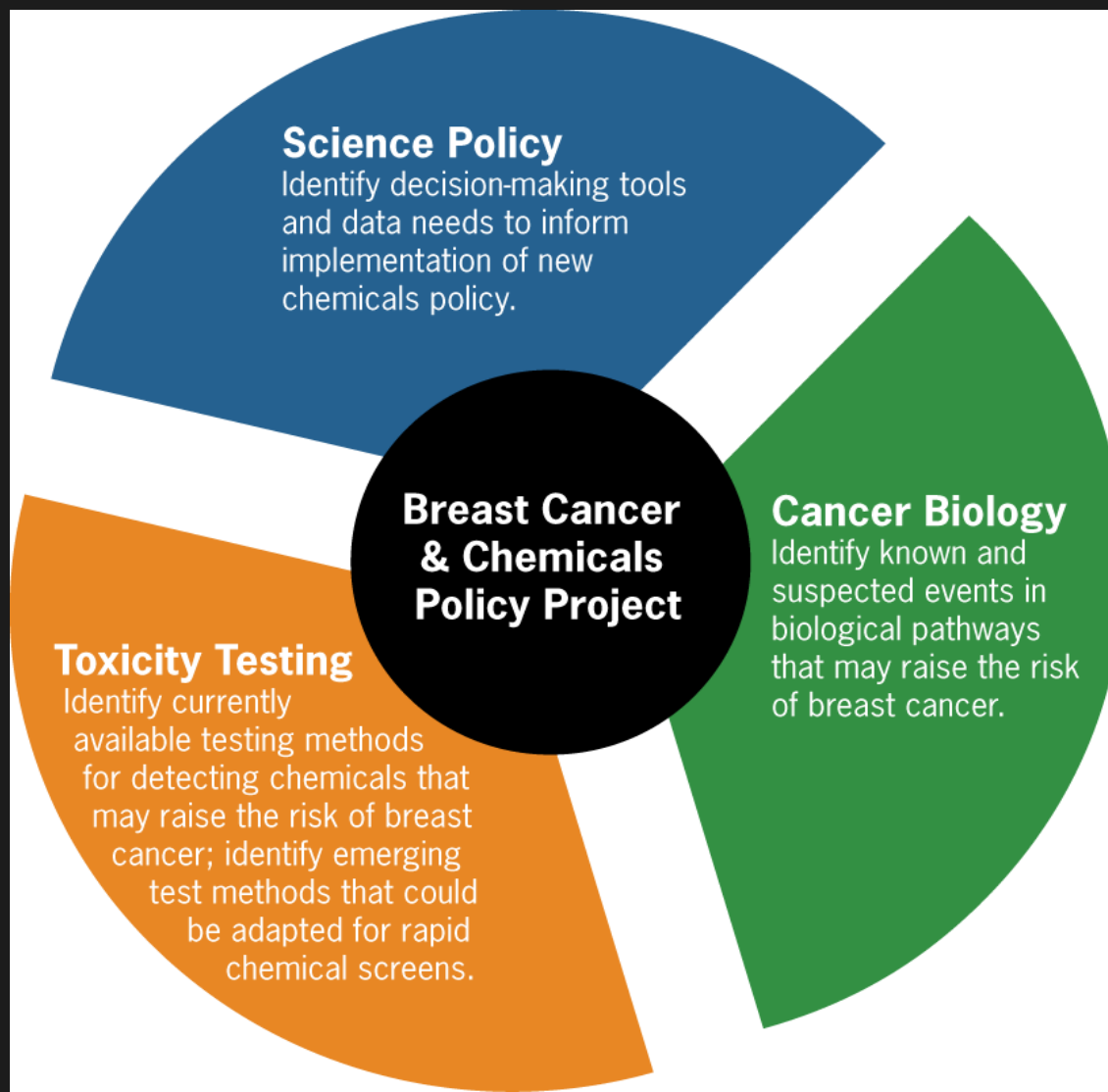


# Why Focus on Breast Cancer?

- Most common invasive cancer and a leading cause of cancer death in women.
- Affects one in eight U.S. women
- Most breast cancer is not caused by inherited genes
- Increasing recognition that environmental exposures contribute to the development of disease
- Over 200 chemicals have been associated with mammary cancer in laboratory animals.
- Most standard toxicity testing methods do not regularly evaluate potential chemical effects on the breast



# Breast Cancer & Chemicals Policy Project Structure





# Breast Cancer & Chemicals Policy Project



## Core Question

As new chemicals policies develop toxicity testing requirements, what body of toxicity data—obtained using *existing methods*—could best identify chemicals that may increase the risk of breast cancer?



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# Breast Cancer & Chemicals Policy Project Goals



1. **Develop an approach for identifying chemicals** that may contribute to the development or progression of breast cancer;
2. **Identify research needs** and recommend improvements to existing test methods; and
3. **Pilot a model process** that can be applied to other disease endpoints, enabling the ultimate aim of producing a comprehensive approach for identifying hazardous chemicals.



# Steps of the Breast Cancer and Chemicals Policy Project



An interdisciplinary panel with expertise in breast cancer biology, toxicology, epidemiology, risk assessment, chemicals policy, community advocacy met to:

Identify toxicity “endpoints”: alterations to biological processes resulting in an increased risk of breast cancer.



Identify toxicity testing methods capable of screening chemicals for their impact on biological processes relevant to breast cancer.



Propose a “Hazard Identification Approach,” consisting of prioritization and testing for altered mammary gland development, endocrine disruption, and carcinogenesis in general.



Conduct a “virtual” pilot test to validate the proposed Hazard Identification Approach by investigating how several well-studied chemicals would “perform” if tested.

# Step 1. Identify Events in Biological Processes Associated with Breast Cancer

## Premises:

In identifying chemicals likely to increase the risk of breast cancer, we should investigate chemicals that:

- Are associated with general carcinogenic mechanisms
- Increase estrogenic or other proliferative effects on breast tissue by any mechanism (e.g. altered hormone metabolism, early puberty)
- Interfere with development of the mammary gland

The impact of such substances is determined by two kinds of vulnerabilities:

- Population susceptibility factors (e.g. genetic polymorphisms, obesity, other exposures, occupation)
- Timing of exposure (developmental stage)

# Step 1. Events in Biological Processes Associated with Breast Cancer

## Cellular & Molecular Events

Alterations in hormone levels, metabolism or receptors  
Changes in gene transcription & translation  
Cell cycle changes  
Peptide hormones (growth hormones)

Genotoxicity  
Oxidative stress  
Immune modulation  
Limitless replication potential  
Evasion of apoptosis  
Self-sufficiency in growth

## Tissue Changes

Breast density  
Tissue invasion  
Sustained angiogenesis

TEB proliferation  
Altered mammary gland development  
Ductal hyperplasia  
Atypical hyperplasia

## Susceptibility Factors

Obesity  
Early onset of breast development  
Alterations in cyclicity

Genetic polymorphisms in metabolizing enzymes  
Duration of lifetime estrogen exposure

# Step 2: Identify test methods (Sample 1)

Detectable Events Affecting Breast Cancer Risk						
Molecular Mechanisms				Phenotypic Indicators		
Model System	Gene Expression	Genotoxicity	Steroid Hormones	Pathological Markers	TEB Proliferation	Carcinoma
<i>In Silico</i>						
<i>In Vitro</i>						
<i>In Vivo</i>						
<i>Epidemiological</i>						

<http://coeh.berkeley.edu/greenchemistry/cbcrpdocs/matrix.pdf>

# Step 2: Identify Test Methods (Sample 2)

Detectable Events Affecting Breast Cancer Risk						
	Susceptibility Factors			Biological Programs		
Model System	Altered Cyclicality	Metabolic Factors	Estrogen Exposure	Immune Modulation	Oxidative Stress	Apoptosis Evasion
<i>In Silico</i>						
<i>In Vitro</i>						
<i>In Vivo</i>						
<i>Epidemiological</i>						etc...

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# Step 3. Hazard Identification Approach: Chemical Prioritization

## Chemical Prioritization

Chemicals, their metabolites and degradation products, should be prioritized for testing based on the following parameters:

### **Hazard indicators**

including structural similarities to other mammary gland carcinogens, or indicators that a chemical or its possible metabolite have endocrine activity, alter breast development or gene expression, or create genetic mutations.

### **Exposure potential**

predicted by physical-chemical properties that indicate potential for bioaccumulation, persistence in the environment, or result in exposure to breast tissue. Also those identified by biomonitoring, environmental monitoring, or other proxy measures such as high production volume or dispersive use in consumer products or workplaces. Exposure potential should be assessed across the entire human life-cycle, and the product lifecycle from manufacturing through disposal.

# Step 3. Hazard Identification Approach: Rapid Screening Methods

## Hazard Identification Approach

### ***Rapid (in vitro) screening***

#### **Genotoxicity**

- Mutagenicity (e.g., Ames or equivalent)
- Chromosome aberrations (e.g., OECD TG 473)
- Micronuclei formation (e.g., OECD TG 487)
- DNA strand breaks (e.g., COMET assay)

#### **Cell cycle changes**

- Cell division (e.g., <sup>3</sup>H thymidine proliferation assay)
- Altered apoptosis (e.g., TUNNEL assay)

#### **Endocrine disruption**

- Activation or inhibition of:
  - Estrogen-mediated transcription (e.g., E-screen)
  - Androgen-mediated transcription (e.g., A-screen)
- Enzymes specific to synthesis or metabolism of estrogen, androgen or progesterone (e.g., aromatase activity assay)

# Step 3. Hazard Identification Approach: *in vivo* studies

## Hazard Identification Approach

### ***Animal studies (in vivo): development and maturation***

#### **Genotoxicity in breast epithelial cells**

Mutagenicity

Chromosome aberrations

Micronuclei formation

DNA strand breaks

#### **Precursor changes, biomarkers and induction of mammary gland tumors**

Modification of existing long-term cancer bioassays\* redesigned to evaluate mammary gland endpoints, and:

include whole mounts of mammary tissue

include in utero exposures

assess effects over the whole lifespan

use an animal strain appropriate to the exposure and the endpoint

#### **Cell cycle changes in breast epithelial cells**

Cell proliferation

Decreased apoptosis

#### **Endocrine disruption**

Estrogenic activity (e.g., Uterotrophic assay)

Androgenic activity (e.g., Hershberger assay)

Developmental changes in female and male mammary gland tissue (e.g. TEB formation, ductal branching, ER and AR levels)

Reproductive changes in males and females (e.g., AGD, nipple retention, altered cyclicity, pubertal timing)

Altered circulating hormone levels (e.g. steroid or peptide hormones)



# Breast Cancer & Chemicals Policy Recommendations



Chemical toxicity testing—and the public policies that require it—can serve as a critical tool in breast cancer prevention, providing a practical basis for reducing potentially harmful exposures

1. Chemicals should be tested now for possible impact on breast cancer risk and include the following endpoints:

- Genotoxicity
- Cell cycle changes
- Endocrine disruption (e.g., estrogenicity)
- Altered mammary gland development



# Breast Cancer & Chemicals Policy Recommendations



Chemical toxicity testing—and the public policies that require it—can serve as a critical tool in breast cancer prevention, providing a practical basis for reducing potentially harmful exposures

2. To accurately evaluate the potential of a chemical to raise the risk of breast cancer, toxicity tests must be designed and conducted to include considerations of
  - *timing of exposure* and
  - *underlying susceptibility factors.*



# Breast Cancer & Chemicals Policy Recommendations



Chemical toxicity testing—and the public policies that require it—can serve as a critical tool in breast cancer prevention, providing a practical basis for reducing potentially harmful exposures

## 3. Research needs:

- Further elucidation of biological pathways
- Adaptation of current testing methods to be more relevant to breast cancer
- Development and validation of new toxicity tests – HTS screening

# Tests on the Horizon

## Panel recommended an approach, not specific tests

- The field of toxicity testing is rapidly evolving
- Best practices can evolve with emerging tests

## High throughput screens are under development

- Promise of testing thousands of chemicals
- Potential to address metabolic differences by testing many possible metabolites

## Medium throughput screens using human breast tissue

- Methods currently applied in research could be adapted for toxicity testing to replace some animal studies (e.g., for mammary gland development effects)



# Breast Cancer & Chemicals Policy Recommendations



Chemical toxicity testing—and the public policies that require it—can serve as a critical tool in breast cancer prevention, providing a practical basis for reducing potentially harmful exposures

4. Process used by Panel could be applied to other disease endpoints to develop a comprehensive approach to identify chemicals that pose a risk to human health.



# PATHWAYS TO BREAST CANCER:

A CASE STUDY FOR INNOVATION IN  
CHEMICAL SAFETY EVALUATION



Final report: <http://coeh.berkeley.edu/greenchemistry/cbcrp.htm>





# Next steps

- **Scientific publications**
  - “Virtual” pilot screen of chemical compounds
  - Utility of *in silico* (QSAR) methods in evaluating mammary carcinogens (SOT abstract, 2010)
  - Science policy commentary
  - Need for improved toxicity testing to incorporate mammary gland endpoints