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Subject: Sustainable Futures Detailed Training and Technical Assistance
Transitioning to Fee-for-Service

As transmitted to Sustainable Futures Initiative Participants:

We want to let those interested in Sustainable Futures know of a recent development in the program. As you know, Sustainable Futures offers computerized chemical risk screening methods the EPA uses to evaluate New Chemicals under the Toxic Substances Control Act. Sustainable Futures methods help stakeholders assess potential hazards and risks of chemical products and processes and facilitate identification of pollution prevention and risk reduction opportunities.

EPA's Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) has offered introductory workshops in the applicability, use and limitations of the Sustainable Futures risk screening methods, and has made the Sustainable Futures methods available on its web site along with case studies showing applications of the methods. Through a Grant to Purdue University, and with the assistance of the Consortium for Environmental Risk Management (CERM), OPPT has offered, at no cost to participants, post-workshop company-specific training and technical support in the proper use of the Sustainable Futures methods.

OPPT is transitioning post-workshop company-specific training and technical support and will rely on the private sector to provide post-workshop technical support to interested parties on a fee-for-service basis. OPPT will continue to provide public access to the Sustainable Futures risk screening methods, case studies, and other related materials via the OPPT New Chemicals web site. As resources permit, OPPT will also continue to offer Sustainable Futures introductory workshops, and these will be announced on the Sustainable Futures web site at

<<http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/newchems/pubs/sustainablefutures.htm>>
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