

# Act 154 Chemical Use Working Group

Meeting Minutes: January 5, 2017

Dewey Conference Room, Dewey Building, 1 National Life Drive, Montpelier, VT 05620

Facilitated by Jen Duggan, ANR General Counsel

## 1. Discussion of Comments on 12/15 Draft Report

Several stakeholder groups had comments on the draft report. Major comments are reflected below:

- The executive summary should more accurately reflect what is known about potential health concerns and PFOA (VDH);
- Comment re: statistic of 85,000 chemicals in commerce: This is the estimate of all chemicals used at some point in the past few decades and not chemicals that are actively used or used in significant quantities. AIV will propose line edits. (AIV);
- Background section should better define the process that manufacturers may voluntarily undergo when manufacturing chemicals and what they do to assess safety and risk (AIV);
- Doesn't agree that the group did not consider any technical feasibility and affordability aspects of policies. Further, report should suggest that legislature consider benefits to Vermonters from reduced exposure to toxics and costs to public health if no action is taken (VNRC);
- The report emphasizes a lack of information, but should include stronger emphasis on using the information that we currently have and the challenges/limiting in utilizing that to effectively limit risks (B. Hirtz);
- The report focuses on the working group's process; the legislative committees may not be interested in this information (AAFM).

## 2. Status of Appendices C, D, E

The Agency gave an update on the drafting of Appendices C (summaries of chemicals regulatory programs; reporting and/or management requirements), Appendix D (summaries of programs focusing on contaminants of emerging concern), and Appendix E (public informational resources on chemical use in Vermont).

The current drafts of the appendices will be sent out with the next iteration of the report. Stakeholders should review for accuracy and suggest any programs, initiatives, and other information that is not addressed.

## 3. Report Finalization and Submission Timeline

Stakeholders should continue to submit any further comments on the draft report. ANR will respond to comments along with the next iteration of report.

An updated report will be circulated to the stakeholder group no later by Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. A copy of the ECF report will also be provided. Stakeholders will have a few days to submit any further comments.

The final report will be submitted to the committees of jurisdiction on Friday, January 13.

Working Group members in attendance:

Mitch Krauss, *Burton Snowboards*  
Paul Burns, *Vermont Public Interest Research Group*  
Bill Driscoll, *Associated Industries of Vermont*  
Jen Duggan, *Agency of Natural Resources*  
James Ehlers, *Lake Champlain International*  
Cary Giguere, *Agency of Agriculture*  
Jon Groveman, *Vermont Natural Resources Council*  
Lauren Hierl, *Vermont Conservation Voters*  
Deborah Hirtz, *University of Vermont Health Center*  
Ann Hoogenboom, *Cabot Creamery*  
Shaina Kasper, *Toxics Action Center*  
Scott Meyer, *Department of Labor*  
Ken Rumelt, *Vermont Law School*  
Sarah Vose, *Vermont Department of Health*  
Martin Wolf, *Seventh Generation*

Attendance by phone:

Josh Cox, *Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security/Department of Public Safety*  
Ruma Kohli, *Global Foundries*

Interested Parties in attendance:

Linda Boccuzzo, *Vermont Agency of Agriculture*  
Thom Jagielski, *Global Foundries (by phone)*  
Matt McMahan, *MMR*  
Nicole Sala, *Seventh Generation*  
Nat Shambaugh, *Citizen*

ANR Staff in attendance:

Jordan Gonda  
Ernie Kelley  
Lynn Metcalf  
Tami Wuestenberg