



DfE Green Formulation Initiative for I&I Cleaning Products Project Update 16 and Request for Comments July/August 2006

Progress

1. CleanGredients™ is now open for listing surfactants and for membership.

We are pleased to report CleanGredients™ is now accepting memberships from both suppliers (to list surfactants) and from formulators who wish to gain access to the database. Costs for operation and maintenance and new module development are supported via membership fees, grants, sponsorship, and through the generous in-kind contributions of our Technical Advisory Committee and Steering Committee members. We look forward to demonstrating CleanGredients™ at the upcoming [ISSA/INTERCLEAN® USA 2006 Convention](#) in Chicago, October 4-7.

No membership fees for suppliers until January 2007!

Formulators, join now and your membership is good through December 2007!

Suppliers, advertise your products in CleanGredients™ at ISSA/INTERCLEAN

Please allow yourself enough lead time for ingredient review. More information on [how to list ingredients](#) can be found at: <http://www.cleangredients.org/resources/submit.php>

2. The [Request for Comments on Solvents](#) for CleanGredients™ is now online.

Please provide your recommendations to the Technical Advisory Committee on solvent attributes and criteria for inclusion in a CleanGredients™ module. We would appreciate your input by September 25, 2006. You may access the survey at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=660612411614>

CleanGredients™ module development involves several steps:

1. Prepare a **Request for Comments** to solicit input from Project Associates on the most relevant and important attributes of solvents for inclusion in CleanGredients™
2. Invite all interested solvent experts to participate on the Technical Advisory Committee
3. Create a “straw” set of attributes and criteria for review and discussion by the Technical Advisory Committee along with input from the Request for Comments
4. Integrate attributes and criteria into database and begin next ingredient class.

3. You are invited to participate in the Technical Advisory Committee discussions on solvents.

If you would like to contribute to the discussion on solvents as part of the Technical Advisory Committee, please contact Topher Buck at topher@greenblue.org or Lauren Heine at lauren.heine@greenblue.org.

Next Steps

1. Continue accepting CleanGredients™ memberships and populating the surfactants database in preparation for presentation at ISSA/INTERCLEAN Chicago
2. Solicit input on solvents from Project Associates via the Request for Comments
3. Convene the Technical Advisory Committee for discussion on solvents.



News and Outreach

1. **Changes to DfE Formulator Program** – U.S. EPA’s Design for the Environment Formulator Program has made some changes to their program due to the extensive demand for DfE services. A copy of a letter to formulators interested in Partnership may be viewed online¹. DfE will now engage a qualified third-party to assist with the process of creating chemical profiles for individual formulations and to expedite the Formulator Review. There will be a cost associated preparing the chemical profiles. To date, DfE has identified one organization, NSF International, that is capable of preparing chemical profiles. DfE will work, however, with any formulator and third-party reviewer interested in chemical profiling for DfE product recognition. NSF will begin accepting formulations for profiling on August 14th, 2006. For more information on NSF’s profiling services click [here](#), or contact Teresa McGrath (tmcgrath@nsf.org, 651-493-4247)². For formulators currently in the DfE queue, you must contact NSF by September 25th, 2006 in order to retain your place.
2. **GreenBlue and EPA DfE will showcase CleanGredients™ at booth Number 2477 at the ISSA/INTERCLEAN® 2006 convention in Chicago, October 4-7.** In addition to our booth, we will give a CleanGredients™ seminar in the ISSA Educational Theatre on Saturday, 07 October at 10h30. We hope to see you in Chicago and look forward to talking with you (or answering any questions you may have) about CleanGredients™, the Green Formulation Initiative, and the Design for the Environment program. For more information about ISSA/INTERCLEAN® USA 2006, please see <http://www.issa.com/convention/convention.jsp?id=29>.
3. **EPA’s Design for the Environment (DfE) Program held a public meeting on 12 June in Washington, DC to discuss its plans for the Safer Detergents Stewardship Initiative (SDSI) and to solicit stakeholder views on the initiative.** A summary of the meeting is now available online at www.regulations.gov document number: EPA-HQ-OPPT-2006-0343-0002, docket number: EPA-HQ-OPPT-2006-0343.

As always, we are grateful for your interest and participation in this project. Please feel free to contact us with questions or comments.

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¹ <http://www.epa.gov/dfepubs/projects/formulat/about.htm>

² http://www.nsf.org/business/laboratory_services/cleangredient_lab/index.asp