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## Report of the Advancing Design for Environment and Green Chemistry in Government Group July 2008

- On September 07, 2007 GC3 participants met with EPA officials Jim Gulliford, Charlie Auer and Clive Davies in Washington, DC to express support for the EPA DfE program.
- Later that same day we also met with Patrick Woodcock, Legislative Assistant to Senator Olympia Snowe (R, Maine) to express support for the Senate companion legislation to House Bill H.R. 2850, dealing with implementation of a Green Chemistry Research and Development Program. We also met with the chief of staff to Rep. John Olver a ranking member of the House EPA Appropriations committee.
- On October 03 and 04, 2007 GC3 Participants met in a joint working meeting with representatives from several States affiliated with the National Pollution Prevention Roundtable (NPPR). The meeting was held at the Daley International plant in Chicago, IL. This gathering was very cordial and highly productive, resulting in a promise to work together on a cooperative GC3/NPPR project. Goal of the project is to construct a document that will provide States with a menu of incentive options and other useful information that can be helpful when promulgating legislation that promotes Green Chemistry and DfE type initiatives.
- On May 20 and 21, 2008, GC3 and NPPR met again at the National Environmental Partnership Summit in Baltimore, MD to continue the dialogue. We reviewed the progress made since the October Chicago meeting and listened to the success stories and the issues and challenges voiced by the NPPR folks. The breakfast meeting on May 21 was attended by approximately 30 NPPR State representatives, which is indicative of the high level of interest on the part of the States. They are eager to obtain accurate, substantive and technically sound information about the benefits of green chemistry and design for the environment as they move forward with their legislative endeavors.
- As a follow up to the September EPA meeting, GC3 participants engaged with EPA officials in two conference calls – one on building the DfE and green chemistry efforts within the agency; and one on the EPA's new Chemical Assessment and Management (CHAMP) program and its relevance for green chemistry and DfE. The calls resulted in a number of ideas for EPA/GC3 collaboration that will be discussed at a Friday breakfast at the GC3 roundtable.
- So that is where things stand now. Participants in the *GC3 Advancing DfE and Green Chemistry in Government* subcommittee, together with the very able assistance of Dr. Joel Tickner and his colleagues at the Lowell Center for Sustainable Production continue to work on the joint GC3/NPPR document on incentives for green chemistry and DfE and expect to have it available later this year. The group will also work on continued engagement with EPA and Congress to elevate and expand current DfE and green chemistry programs at the federal level.