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EPA says few nanotech companies are volunteering data under program

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With few companies offering data to regulators under a voluntary program to help gather information on nanotechnology, the EPA says it may have to get tougher in compelling companies to disclose data on their work involving the tiny particles. The voluntary program was launched in January 2008 and is due to run for another year, and the EPA says submissions from companies including DuPont, BASF and Dow Chemical represent about 10% of nanomaterials that are likely to be commercially available.

Green chemistry gaining momentum

ICIS News - Jan 19

Environmentally friendly chemistry has become a mainstream practice as companies find that they can build their bottom lines while reducing their effect on the environment. As companies strive to prove that the upfront costs of going green can provide a return on investment, some are taking a global approach in considering costs for things such as material handling, water consumption and other costs, an EPA official said.

Canadian Scientists to study effects of chemicals on pregnant women

The National Post - Jan 10

Canadian scientists are recruiting hundreds of pregnant women for a landmark, \$6-million epigenetic study designed to track whether 400 household chemicals that expectant mothers encounter, including the plastic chemicals bisphenol A (BPA) and phthalates, can trigger health problems in their children—or even alter the babies' genetic makeup. The emerging field of epigenetics is based on the notion that the environment can cause certain genes to turn on or off, sometimes sowing the seeds for cancer or other serious illness later in life.

Bill would ban BPA in products for children 3 and younger

Seattle Post Intelligencer - Jan 16

Lawmakers in Washington are pushing for a House bill to ban bisphenol A in food or drink containers for children ages 3 and younger amid concerns that even small amounts of the chemical could be harmful to babies or young children. The bill is expected to face opposition from the chemical industry, which maintains that BPA is safe. "It's one of the best-tested chemicals. It's been evaluated by many government agencies in the world," said Steve Hentges, executive director of the American Chemistry Council's BPA panel.

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