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# **Characterizing Chemicals in Commerce: Reflections and Wrap-Up**

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# The HPV Program at EPA

- A top OPPT policy priority
  - Involves CCD, RAD, EEAD, IMD, and P2
- Links to OPPT's international activities
  - OECD, SAICM, North America
- Major current focus on making data available via HPVIS
- New focus on implementing the data screening mechanism

# HPV Work in Industry

- HPV – truly a “challenge”
  - Feedback here has been valuable
- Commitment to completing HPV work
- Extension to “new” HPVs
  - Hazard information on “new” HPVs
  - Use/exposure information to be provided on ALL HPVs
- Exploring ways to integrate information coming available from other programs
  - REACH, CA DSL, Japan HPV, OECD Portal
- Next steps to focus on how to integrate information into RISK decisions

# Breakout Session Feedback

## Communication:

- Wide variety of different users with different information needs
- Pressing need for better common understanding of what database is, and is not
  - Screening nature of database
  - Different messages for different audiences
  - Consider different “presentation” of information
  - Many users want the conclusions, not data summaries

# Breakout Session Feedback

## Interest in using HPV data in:

- Pollution prevention
- TRI linkages
- Occupational health/industrial hygiene
- Ecosystem protection
- Public health
- State permitting/priority setting
- Environmental monitoring
- Green chemistry
- Support better use of models

# Suggestions to Enhance Use

- More information on chemical uses/functions
- More information on exposure information
- Risk assessments
- Quicker screening
- More information on what is being done to manage known hazards
- More information on what “categories” are and why there should be confidence in them

# Conclusions

- Wide awareness of HPV, but less understanding about what program intended to accomplish
  - Need for EPA to take leadership role to promote sound use of the information
- Variety of thoughtful presentations shows both potential and limitations for data use.
- HPV data can improve many programs because more experimental data than previously available
- HPV program has already helped enable other programs, such as the CA DSL.
- Still work ahead to make the data even more useful