

Healthy Legacy

Healthy people,
a clean environment
and a thriving economy

Promoting Green Chemistry

Safer Chemicals, Sustainable Materials, Clean Production and Green Jobs

The U.S. lacks an adequate system to prevent the use of toxic chemicals in every day consumer products. As a result, many toxic chemicals continue to find their way into our environment, our food, our homes and schools, and ultimately into our bodies. In spite of inadequate regulations, many companies are moving to safer chemicals and safer production methods through adoption of green chemistry practices.

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**Green chemistry reduces energy, waste
and toxic chemical use to create safer
products, safer workplaces and
safer communities.**
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Policy Recommendation: HF2837/SF2490

For 2010, Healthy Legacy proposes an interim step to promote the adoption of safer chemicals, sustainable materials and clean production, through including "green chemistry" in current economic development programs by broadening the definition of "green economy" in Minnesota Statutes (116J) to include "green chemistry."

Green Chemistry means a practice that, by altering the inputs to a production process, or by redesigning a product or production process: (i) reduces or eliminates the use or formation of hazardous substances or lessens their toxicity; or (ii) reduces energy consumption, uses renewable feedstock, or reduces or prevents waste or pollution.



Healthy Legacy promotes the production and use of everyday products without toxic chemicals.

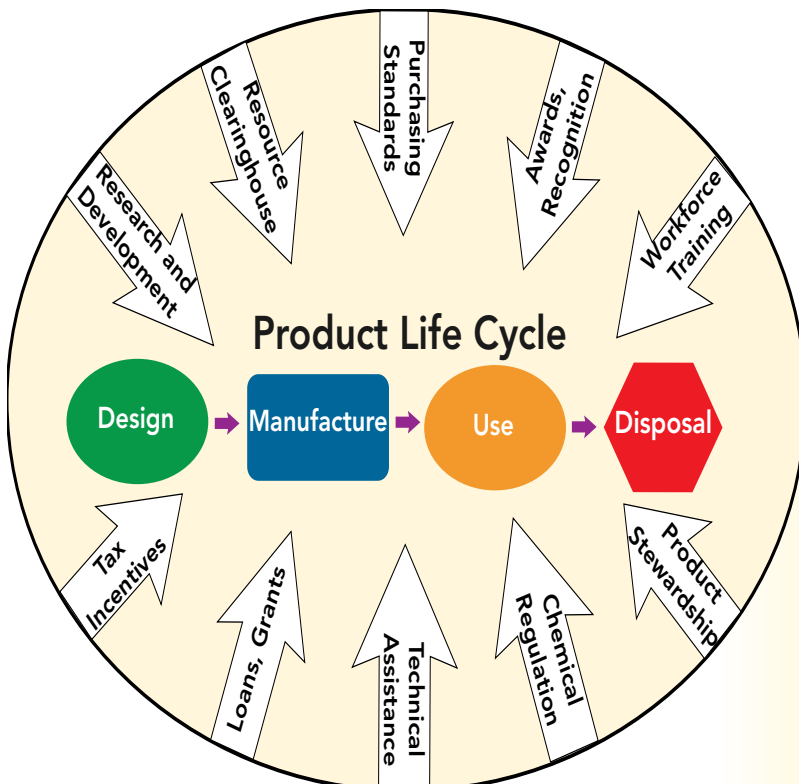
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Fundamental Reform of Chemicals Policy

The path to safer chemicals and a clean future for Minnesota must include positive incentives for businesses to adopt green chemistry as a framework for designing products using safer chemicals. While promoting green chemistry helps encourage innovation, better regulation of toxic chemicals at the state and federal levels is also necessary to protect public health and the environment. Healthy Legacy advocates for fundamental reform of our chemical policies to prioritize the worst chemicals for phase out, to require basic safety data on all chemicals, and to protect the most vulnerable including children, pregnant women, workers and disproportionately affected communities.



Healthy Legacy supports policies and economic incentives to advance safer products and safer production methods through green chemistry.



Ways to promote research, innovation and practice in green chemistry.

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Who is Healthy Legacy?

Healthy Legacy is a public health coalition representing over one million Minnesotans that are dedicated to safe products, made safely. Our coalition is comprised of 32 diverse organizations that range from groups like the Minnesota Council of Churches, the Minnesota Parent Teacher Association, the Learning Disabilities Association of Minnesota, Minnesota Nurses Association, the League of Women Voters and more. We educate consumers, work with leading businesses and promote protective policies.

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