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To: Canada-U.S. Regulatory Cooperation Council (RCC) Stakeholders

Subject: Canada-U.S. Regulatory Cooperation Council
Nanotechnology – Webinar Invitation and Request for Nominations

Dear Colleagues,

On February 4, 2011, Prime Minister Stephen Harper and President Barack Obama announced the creation of the Canada-United States Regulatory Cooperation Council (RCC) to better align the two countries' regulatory approaches in a number of areas, including nanotechnology (<http://actionplan.gc.ca/page/rcc-ccr/regulatory-cooperation-council> or <http://www.trade.gov/rcc/>).

Following stakeholder consultations in Washington, D.C. on January 30th - 31st, 2012, Canada and the U.S. have recently finalized the Work Plan for the Nanotechnology RCC initiative. The purpose of the Nanotechnology RCC initiative is to increase, where possible, regulatory transparency and coordination between the two countries with respect to nanomaterials.

The RCC Nanotechnology Work Plan, developed through a bilateral Canada-U.S. working group, specifies concrete objectives, deliverables and milestones for tangible progress within the RCC's two-year mandate. The final RCC Nanotechnology Work Plan is available at:

- <http://www.eap.gc.ca/page/rcc-ccr/nanotechnology-work-plan>
 - <http://www.eap.gc.ca/fr/page/rcc-ccr/plan-de-travail-la-nanotechnologie>
- or
- <http://www.trade.gov/rcc/documents/Nanotechnology.pdf>

In order to promote stakeholder involvement, the Canadian and U.S. Working Group leads would like to invite stakeholders to a webinar to provide additional background along with updates on ongoing activities under the RCC Nanotechnology Work Plan. The webinar is planned for November 28, 2012 from **1:00PM-3:00PM EST**. Interested stakeholders are requested to confirm their attendance by sending an email to rccnano@epa.gov **no later than October 25th, 2012**. A follow-up email with webinar details will be sent to respondents in early November.

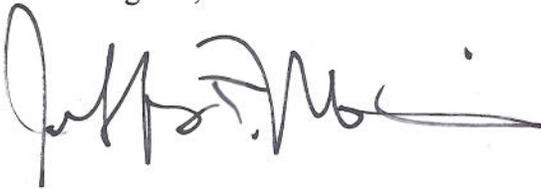
An important element of the RCC Nanotechnology Work Plan is the sharing of best practices for assessing and managing the potential risks of industrial nanomaterials. This work will include a pilot project to examine Canadian and U.S. risk assessment/risk management practices and approaches through an evaluation of case studies for specific nanomaterials. Currently, Canada and the U.S. are considering a number of materials for the case studies and would welcome suggestions from stakeholders.

If you would like to propose a nanomaterial for consideration, please provide the following information **no later than October 25th, 2012** by email to rccnano@epa.gov:

- Chemical Name of the nanomaterial,
- Whether the nanomaterial has been notified to/reviewed by either jurisdiction,
- Commercial applications of the nanomaterial,
- Information on exposure and environmental fate of the nanomaterial,
- A complete list of available test data on the nanomaterial and related analogs including environmental and human toxicity studies, and
- Acknowledgement that for the purposes of this exercise, both parties (Canada and the U.S.) will be able to freely exchange information, including confidential business information (CBI).

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration; they are greatly appreciated.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffery T. Morris". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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