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Resource Guide on Precaution

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The *Resource Guide on Precaution* was developed by the Center for Health, Environment & Justice, Science and Environmental Health Network, Environmental Research Foundation and 12 conference speakers and group leaders on the Conference Steering Committee. This is a *preliminary* guide for conference participants. Please provide recommended additions and help us compile a comprehensive guide by contacting CHEJ's BE SAFE Campaign at anne@besafenet.com, 518-732-4538.

Precautionary Policies

BE SAFE Precautionary Policy Clearinghouse - Visit www.besafenet.com to view and download dozens of local, state, federal and industry precautionary policies and programs on a range of environmental issues. More polices will be added in July. Coordinated by the Center for Health, Environment & Justice's BE SAFE Campaign. For more information, contact Campaign Coordinator Anne Rabe at anne@besafenet.com

Science and Environmental Health Network – Visit <http://www.sehn.org/govposit.html> to view some precautionary policies in the United States and Europe.

Websites

California Safe Schools website features the Los Angeles Unified School District Integrated Pest Management Policy. This 1998 policy is the first policy in the U.S. to embrace the precautionary principle.
<http://www.calisafe.org>

Center for Health, Environment & Justice BE SAFE Campaign is a nationwide grassroots initiative to build support for the precautionary approach to prevent pollution and environmental destruction. The BE SAFE initiative includes the national campaign to phase out PVC, the “poison plastic”. Visit websites for fact sheets, A Precautionary Tale slide show, and national actions.
<http://www.besafenet.com> and <http://www.chej.org>

Collaborative on Health and the Environment (CHE) is a national network which shares information and tracks emerging scientific evidence on links between diseases, disorders and disabilities and possible environmental causes. <http://www.healthandenvironment.org/>

Conference Sponsor Organizations – Also see page 4 of the Conference Program for the websites of cosponsoring groups that are taking precaution action on a range of environment, health and safety issues.

Massachusetts Alliance for a Healthy Tomorrow is a state coalition of citizens, scientists, health professionals, workers, and educators seeking precautionary action on toxic hazards.
<http://www.healthytomorrow.org/>

Massachusetts Toxics Use Reduction Institute promotes reduction in the use of toxic chemicals and generation of toxic by-products in industry and commerce in the state of Massachusetts. <http://www.turi.org/> and the **Center for Sustainable Production** provide information and resources at—
www.sustainableproduction.org and on the following web sites. The **Chemicals Policy Initiative** website—
www.chemicalspolicy.org—provides extensive information on US and European chemicals policy efforts as well as reports, analyses and links to key documents. The **Sustainable Hospitals Project** website—
www.sustainablehospitals.org—provides extensive information on alternatives to problem chemicals in hospitals. The **Toward Tomorrow Project** website—
www.towardtomorrow.org—is an initiative to set a proactive, solutions oriented agenda for the future of health and environment.

The Partnership for Principle 10 (PP10) is an initiative developed as a Sustainable Development Partnership under the World Summit on Sustainable Development. It provides a way for governments, civil society and international organizations to work together to implement practical solutions to provide the public with access to information, participation, and justice for environmentally sustainable decisions. <http://www.pp10.org/>

Physicians for Social Responsibility website has precautionary environmental health publications and reports. <http://psr.igc.org/ihw-project.htm>

Precautionary Principle Project is a joint initiative of four international groups which examines the conservation, development and trade impacts of application of the precautionary principle and develops “best practice” guidance on the meaning and application of precaution in natural resource management and biodiversity conservation. <http://www.pprinciple.net/index.html>

Rachel's Web Sites—www.precaution.org and www.rachel.org—will soon be consolidated into one site. They have complete archives of the new weekly newsletter, *Rachel's Precaution Reporter*, as well as *Rachel's Democracy & Health News* which has provided environmental investigative journalism for the last two decades. Most sources and documents for these essential publications by the Environmental Research Foundation are also in the archives.

San Francisco's Department of the Environment webpage provides links to the city's precautionary principle ordinances. For details on the Precautionary Purchasing Ordinance and product evaluations, see “Less Toxic Purchasing” section. <http://www.sfenvironment.com/aboutus/innovative/pp/>

Science and Environmental Health Network (SEHN), a national organization that brought the precautionary principle to the United States with the 1998 Wingspread Conference. Check out their collection of precautionary principle essays, reviews, and examples of national and international implementation. <http://www.sehn.org/precaution.html>

Taking Precaution is a webpage of the Bay Area Working Group on the Precautionary Principle. It provides an overview of precautionary principle work in the Bay Area and other regions and provides links to numerous resources, including all the Bay Area Ordinances and Resolutions. <http://www.takingprecaution.org/>

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Information, Links & Bibliography

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<http://www.institute.redlands.edu/P3>

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Rachel's Precaution Reporter is a free weekly email update offering news, views and practical examples of the Precautionary Principle, or Foresight Principle, in action. To subscribe, send a blank email to join-rpr-html@gseelist.org. You will receive an email asking you to confirm your subscription.

Rachel's Democracy & Health News is a free, weekly email in English and Spanish that has been covering chemicals-and-health and prevention since 1986 and the precautionary principle since 1990. All back issues are indexed and searchable at www.rachel.org, where you can also find a library of documents on precaution. To subscribe, send a blank email to join-rachel@gseelist.org.

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Media & Messaging Resources

The following organizations help groups improve their campaign messaging and media coverage.

Fenton Communications

Fenton's team offers a range of multimedia services—from strategic planning and media relations to advertising and online marketing and advocacy—to help their clients protect the environment, improve public health and advance human rights and social justice. www.fenton.com

Smart Meme

The *smartMeme* collective is a group of skilled, creative and dedicated change agents who work to support grassroots movements with strategy and training resources, values based communications tools, and meme campaigning. They work to build a culture of strategy, vision, and change, connecting struggles for democracy, peace, justice, and ecological sanity. <http://smartmeme.com/>

Spin Project

The SPIN Project strengthens nonprofit social justice organizations, small and large, to communicate effectively for themselves. <http://www.spinproject.org/>

Organizing

Center for Community Change

Helping low-income people, especially people of color, build powerful, effective organizations through which they can change their communities and public policies for the better. <http://www.communitychange.org/>

Center for Health, Environment and Justice

CHEJ helps strengthen and empower local groups to be active and democratic forces in their communities through organizing, technical and scientific assistance and through strengthening the ability of state, regional and national groups to assist local groups. <http://www.chej.org> Also see <http://www.chej.org/UsersGuide.pdf> for an overview of services.

Clean Water Action

CWA is a national community-based organization which organizes strong grassroots groups, coalitions and campaigns to protect our environment, health, economic well-being and community quality of life. CWA is working on precautionary approaches to chemical policy reform and a variety of other issues in many of its states including CA, CT, MA, MI, MN and NJ. www.cleanwateraction.org

Ruckus Society

Ruckus provides environmental, human rights, and social justice organizers with the tools, training, and support needed to achieve their goals. They organize action camps and trainings for people working on a wide range of issues. <http://www.ruckus.org/>

The Access Initiative

TAI seeks to ensure that people have a voice in the decisions that affect their environment. TAI partners promote transparent, participatory, and accountable governance as an essential foundation for sustainable development. Partners form national coalitions, assess government progress using a common methodology, raise public awareness, and set priorities for improvements in policy and practice. <http://www.accessinitiative.org/>

Toxics Action Center

TAC helps neighborhood groups across New England wage effective campaigns to force polluters and unresponsive bureaucracies to protect the health and safety of their communities with efforts to clean up hazardous sites, stop proposed landfills and incinerators and prevent the spraying of pesticides. <http://www.toxicsaction.org/>

Web based training by ECO-Action

A web-based training course is available on *The Precautionary Principle - A Primer* by the Environmental Community Action (ECO-Action) in GA. <http://www.ntktrainings.com/open.htm>

Fundraising Resources

Grassroots Fundraising Journal.

Grassroots Fundraising believes that fundraising is a critical and integral part of progressive social change anyone can learn fundraising. They create and distribute accessible materials that teach people how to raise money. <http://www.grassrootsfundraising.org/>

Grantsmanship Center

The Center conducts workshops on foundation fundraising and grant writing around the country. It is based in Los Angeles. <http://www.tgci.com>

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