

The CDC's National Center for Environmental Health and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry recently kicked off their National Conversation on Public Health and Chemical Exposure with a day-long meeting on June 26, 2009 in Washington, DC. The [National Conversation](#)



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is a stakeholder and public involvement initiative intended to develop an action agenda for protecting public health through the safe use and management of chemicals. In a keynote address, EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson described chemical management policy as a "meat and potatoes" issue, and announced that she believed "the time has come for reform of the Toxic Substances Control Act, the 30-year old statute for regulating industrial chemicals." She pledged to "work with Congress and all of our stakeholders on this important effort." Time will tell. . . .