



## News Update

### **Experts to California Regulators: Diverse Fluorinated Substances, Tested and Approved by Government Agencies, Important to Key Products Used by Consumers**

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WASHINGTON – February 8, 2017 – The California Department of Toxic Substances Control, as a part of its Safer Consumer Products program, [held a stakeholder workshop on January 31](#) to discuss the use of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFASs) in carpets, rugs, indoor upholstered furniture and their care and treatment products. At the event, a FluoroCouncil representative spoke to the health and safety of PFASs used in these applications.

The FluoroCouncil representative emphasized that PFASs are a diverse group of chemistries that help provide resilience and durability to a number of key products that industry and consumers rely on every day, but that only a small subset of PFASs are used in carpets, rugs, indoor upholstered furniture and their care and treatment products.

The presentation noted that the current PFAS chemistries used in these applications, known as short-chain fluorinated polymers, are well studied, and data from these studies have been provided to regulators globally as part of their chemical review processes. The science shows these new short-chain chemistries are not bioaccumulative and offer significantly improved toxicological profiles over the chemistries they replaced. Short-chain fluorinated polymers have been approved for use by the EPA and other regulators around the world.

The FluoroCouncil continues to caution state regulators that any sweeping decisions to restrict or ban this broad class of chemistry would lead to the elimination of a number of products vital to consumers without providing an improvement to environmental or health outcomes.