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The regulatory landscape for novel polymers

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Most people know that pharmaceuticals, food contact materials, and pesticides require pre-market testing and regulatory review. As a result, entrepreneurs know to incorporate the time and expense related to regulatory review in their business plans. Few people know the regulatory requirements for cosmetic and personal care ingredients, and fewer still know the requirements for other uses, most of which are regulated by the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). This talk will give an overview of the regulatory landscape for polymers and take a more detailed look at TSCA and how it applies to polymer feed stocks, catalysts, monomers, and polymers.

Biography

Richard E Engler is a Senior Policy Advisor with B&C and The Acta Group. Previously, he worked at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for 17 years, where he was a staff scientist in the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics. At EPA, he reviewed numerous chemicals under TSCA, led the Green Chemistry Program, including the Presidential Green Chemistry Challenge, and worked on many other projects, including the Risk-Screening Environmental Indicators, and Trash-Free Waters. Prior to joining EPA, he taught organic chemistry at the University of San Diego. He holds a PhD in physical organic chemistry from UC San Diego.

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