

Exposed: Chemicals in Everyday Life

June 9, 2008

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Ballroom

\$15.00 per person

The Chemical Policy forum is open to the public (for a nominal fee which includes lunch).

Target audiences include health and environmental health professionals, non-profit staff folks (both health and environment), citizen activists in the area of chemicals in the environment (e.g., fish people/pesticides, pesticides/schools ,etc.) , local government folks (interested in sustainability issues), green businesses (e.g., Coastwide , Biokleen, Dolphin software, etc.) and interested citizens (health, sustainability, toxics, environment, children's health, consumer interest)

The three speakers are **Mark Schapiro**, Center for Investigative Journalism and author of *Exposed: The Toxic Chemistry of Everyday Products and What's At Stake for American Power*, **Dr. Steve Gilbert**, director of the Institute for Neurotoxicology & Neurological Disorders and **Dr. Rick Kool**, professor at Royal Roads University in BC.

These three speakers have synergistic influences on each other's work as they all specialize, using different skills and techniques, in translating science and politics into meaningful stories for non-scientists or scientists unfamiliar with toxicology.

Weaving a story about politics, science, and the human body burden that poorly regulated chemicals impart - this is a story of everyday products in our lives: personal care products, children's toys, teething rings, household cleaners and pesticides, water bottles and other familiar icons of our life. These are also stories about national competitiveness in a global environment.

The goals of the day are to provide a conceptual frame, tools, and context to better understand how toxics issues affect our lives, help us translate and articulate these issues to a broader community, and finally to find shared goals and direction in addressing these issues for ourselves and our communities. A facilitated audience discussion is scheduled for the afternoon.