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Sunset Advisory Commission

Through: Julie Tucker

VIA Email: jtucker@leg.state.vt.us

Re: Toxics Advisory Board [3 V.S.A. 2873\(f\)](#).

Dear Julie Tucker:

I am writing with regards to the Toxics Advisory Board, 3 V.S.A. 2873(f):

(f) There is created the Toxics Technical Advisory Board, which is attached to the Division of Pollution Prevention.

(1) The Board shall consist of at least five members appointed by the Governor, representing the various geographic areas of the State and with expertise in professional disciplines such as occupational health and safety, industrial hygiene, engineering, chemistry, manufacturing, business, ecology, and environmental protection. Members shall be selected from business and industry groups that are to be served by technical assistance.

(2) The Board shall advise the Office of Pollution Prevention on the creation and administration of a Technical Assistance Program designed to provide guidance, advice, and technical assistance to generators of hazardous waste and users of toxics.

(3) The Board shall serve as liaison with industry, business, trade associations, and educational institutions, and shall assemble volunteer teams to perform on-site technical assistance and other forms of assistance to complement programs of the office of pollution prevention.

(4) The Board shall establish and administer an award program for excellence in toxics use reduction and the reduction in the generation of hazardous waste.

(g) There is created within the Department of Environmental Conservation the Small Business Technical and Environmental Compliance Assistance Program. This Program shall include each element specified in section 507(a) of the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.) and shall also be authorized to assist small businesses in similar fashion with regard to their obligations under all other environmental legislation administered by the Department.

To the best of our knowledge, the Division of Pollution Prevention, the Office of Pollution Prevention, and the Toxics Technical Advisory Board do not exist. The last reference that we have regarding the Toxics Technical Advisory Board speaks to an annual report to the General Assembly in 1996. While the Department does implement several of the measures further outlined in this statute, we recommend that this Board be removed from statute.

I would be glad to answer any follow up questions that might arise from this discussion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kim L. Greenwood".

Kim L. Greenwood
Deputy Commissioner