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GLBTS Structure and Mandate

- GLBTS has brand name recognition – recognized value in multi-stakeholder groups
- GLBTS should continue to address level 1's until a point of diminishing returns is reached
- GLBTS can address Annex 12 - mainly governmental responsibility, **but with stakeholder input**
- Steps 1-4 are **all important**.
- The Parties need to devise an assessment method for deciding upon new chemicals, with stakeholder review and comment.

Management Options for Addressing New Chemicals

- Flexibility is needed in deciding the appropriate approach to new substances; “one size won’t fit all”.
- Use substance approach first (probably the most efficient), followed by a combination of approaches, depending upon the chemical.
- The GLBTS is most successful in promoting voluntary actions; new substances for the GLBTS may lean toward those amenable to P2 approaches.

Other Comments

- Because some substances are currently in commerce, the substance selection process will be a major challenge and crucial for the success of the GLBTS.
- The GLBTS can provide value to national chemical management efforts on both sides of the border e.g., by taking a proactive role in reporting new information that is being generated by Great Lakes monitoring and research programs.

Other Comments

- Supply chain issues will become more important with a focus on products and end use. This will warrant a sector approach; however, contextual issues should be considered to gain efficiencies.
- There were concerns with the GLBTS selecting chemicals. Chemical selection does not need to wait for the GLBTS to engage.
- Promote Green Chemistry. Green Chemistry can be considered when industry is engaged in dialogue.