

Resource List for Information on Nanotechnology and Consumer Products, Including Cosmetics and Sunscreens

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1. Environmental Working Group (www.ewg.org)

The Environmental Working Group is a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing public awareness on public health and environmental issues through research, advocacy, and policy. The Environmental Working Group maintains the ***Skin Deep Cosmetics Database***. (www.ewg.org/skindeep)

2. Friends of the Earth (www.foe.org)

Friends of the Earth promotes a variety of campaigns that are directed toward defending the environment and creating a healthier world.

3. The Campaign for Safe Cosmetics (www.safecosmetics.org)

The Campaign for Safe Cosmetics was created in 2004 to protect the health of consumers and workers by securing the corporate, regulatory, and legislative reforms related to dangerous cosmetics and personal care products.

4. Woodrow Wilson Center's Project on Emerging Nanotechnologies (www.nanotechproject.org)

The Project is dedicated to helping ensure that as nanotechnologies advance, possible risks are minimized, public and consumer engagement remains strong, and the potential benefits of these new technologies are realized. The Project maintains the ***Inventory of Nanotechnology Consumer Products***. (www.nanotechproject.org/inventories/consumer)

The inventory is an essential resource for consumers, citizens, policymakers, and others who are interested in learning about how nanotechnology is entering the marketplace. It is meant to be international and expanding

5. Nano Technology Citizen Engagement Organization (www.nanoceo.net)

NanoCEO is a volunteer citizen organization in Wisconsin that focuses making nanotechnology information available to lay citizens.

6. Key words and terms in product labels or marketing descriptions that may indicate that the product contains nanomaterials:

- fullerenes
- fullersomes
- nano – (prefix)
- nanoemulsions
- nanoclusters
- nano delivery technology
- nanochem formulation
- nano complexes
- nanovitamins
- micronized (does not always indicate the presence of nanomaterials)

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