



Testing Methods for Asbestos in Talc and Cosmetic Products Containing Talc Public Meeting Speakers' and Panelists' Biographies

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Kari Barrett is Advisor for Strategic Communications and Public Engagement in the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. In this role, Ms. Barrett provides leadership and consultation on communications tied to the Agency's foods and cosmetic related initiatives. She plans, develops, conducts and directs Agency-level stakeholder outreach on food safety, nutrition, cosmetics and other CFSAN-related issues to advance the FDA's public health and consumer protection goals. Ms. Barrett is a former FDA Deputy Chief of Staff and a former Deputy in the Agency's Office of Legislation. She has served as a Senior Advisor at Leavitt Partners in the consulting group's Food Safety and Import Practice and spent 15 years in trade association management and leadership positions.

Paul C. Howard, Ph.D., Science Advisor, Office of Regulatory Science, Office of Regulatory Affairs, FDA

Dr. Paul C. Howard is a Science Advisor in the Office of Research Coordination, Evaluation and Training (ORCET), Office of Regulatory Science (ORS) in the FDA's Office of Regulatory Affairs (ORA). ORCET provides strategic leadership and support for high quality, collaborative, scientific research conducted at ORA laboratories that advances regulatory science and addresses important public health issues concerning FDA-regulated products. Dr. Howard joined ORA in 2017 as a Special Government Employee (SGE) after completing a 24-year research career at FDA/NCTR as a biochemist/toxicologist conducting toxicology assays to support regulatory decisions, and developed facilities in photobiology, inhalation toxicology, and nanotechnology at FDA/NCTR to support these studies. Dr. Howard has a Bachelor of Science in chemistry and Ph.D. in biochemistry from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and over 135 peer-reviewed publications.

Linda M. Katz, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.P., F.A.C.R., Director, Office of Cosmetics and Colors, CFSAN, FDA

Dr. Linda M. Katz is the Director of the Office of Cosmetics and Colors (OCAC) at the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), which regulates cosmetics and certifies colors used in foods, cosmetics, drugs, and devices. Dr. Katz joined FDA in 1989 in the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) first as a primary medical officer and later as Team Leader and Acting Director of the Pilot Drug Evaluation Staff which reviewed anti-rheumatic drugs, anesthetic agents and drugs of abuse. Her subsequent appointments included: Deputy Director of the Division of Dermatologic and Dental Drug Products and Deputy Director of the Division of Over-the-Counter Drug Products. In 2002, Dr. Katz joined CFSAN in her present position and additionally served 10 years as the Acting Chief Medical Officer. Dr. Katz received her MD from the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, her MPH in Epidemiology from the University of Michigan School of Public Health, and her BA in Biology from the University of Pennsylvania. She did her internship and residency in Internal Medicine and fellowship in Rheumatology at the George Washington Medical Center. In addition, Dr. Katz has taught at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and has numerous publications in the scientific and medical literature.

Susan T. Mayne, Ph.D., F.A.C.E., Director, CFSAN, FDA

Susan T. Mayne is the Director of the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. In this position, Dr. Mayne leads the Center's development and implementation of programs and policies related to the composition, quality, safety, and labeling of foods, food and color additives, and cosmetics. Dr. Mayne is an internationally recognized public health leader and scientist who also oversees diet and health initiatives, which include the policy development and management of food and nutrition labeling, medical foods and infant formulas. She came to the FDA from Yale University, where she worked for 3 decades including holding an endowed chair as the C-E.A. Winslow Professor of Epidemiology. Dr. Mayne received a Ph.D. in nutritional sciences, with minors in biochemistry and toxicology, from Cornell University, and a B.A. in chemistry from the University of Colorado.

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Janesia Robbs is a Lieutenant Commander in the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service and currently stationed at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). LCDR Robbs is a member of the Communication and Public Engagement Staff in FDA's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition. In this role, LCDR Robbs advises, plans, and executes outreach efforts around food safety, nutrition, and cosmetic issues and serves as a liaison to external stakeholders. LCDR Robbs earned her Bachelor of Science in Health Education and Master of Public Health at Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland.

Deborah C. Smegal, M.P.H., Associate Director, Office of Cosmetics and Colors, CFSAN, FDA

Deborah Smegal is the Associate Director of the Office of Cosmetics and Colors (OCAC) at CFSAN which regulates cosmetics and certifies colors used in foods, cosmetics, drugs, and devices. Ms. Smegal joined FDA in 2013 first as a Branch Chief of the Contaminants Assessment Branch (CAB) in the Office of Analytics and Outreach (OAO) where she oversaw the conduct of safety and risk evaluations of food contaminants including toxic elements, pesticides, mycotoxins and industrial chemicals. In April 2018, she joined OCAC in her present position. Prior to joining FDA, Ms. Smegal held several senior science positions at USEPA for 15 years, primarily in the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) and worked for two environmental consulting firms on toxicology and risk assessment activities. She holds an MPH in Toxicology from the University of Michigan School of Public Health, and a B.S. in Environmental Science/Toxicology from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Bradley S. Van Gosen, Research Geologist, United States Geological Survey

Bradley Van Gosen has been a Research Geologist for the U.S. Geological Survey since 1988. He has been the lead author or co-author of 137 publications describing a variety of mineral deposit types, including metallic deposits, uranium, thorium, rare earth elements, and industrial minerals, which have included talc and asbestos. He has authored 21 publications on natural occurrences of asbestos and coauthored four others. Mr. Van Gosen serves on an advisory capacity and as a technical peer reviewer on matters of asbestos mineralogy and geology to the FDA and NIOSH.

Christopher P. Weis, Ph.D., D.A.B.T., Toxicology Liaison and Senior Advisor, Office of the Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences

Dr. Christopher P. Weis serves as Science Advisor and Toxicology Liaison for the Director of the National Institute for Environmental Health Science (NIEHS) in Bethesda, Maryland where he represents NIEHS and the National Toxicology Program (NTP) on national and international committees, task forces, and ad hoc working groups. Prior to joining NIEHS in August 2010, Chris served for nine years as the forensic toxicologist for the National Enforcement Investigations Center (NEIC) in Denver, Colorado. Chris completed his Ph.D. in Toxicology and Medical Physiology at Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine in 1987 and completed two consecutive fellowships at the University of Virginia School of Medicine, Department of Molecular Physiology and Biological Physics. Dr. Weis served as a member of the American Board of Toxicology (ABT) for more than 30 years and retired as President of ABT in 2018.

Steven M. Wolfgang, Ph.D., Consumer Safety Officer, Office of Cosmetics and Colors, CFSAN, FDA

Dr. Steven Wolfgang has been with FDA since 2005 and has worked on numerous scientific and regulatory projects and initiatives related to manufacturing and the quality of ingredients used in drugs and cosmetics. Dr. Wolfgang has represented FDA in domestic and international regulatory initiatives, meetings of representatives from the public and private sectors, and on various committees comprised of industry, academic, and government peers collaborating toward improving the safety and quality of drugs and cosmetics. He has been an active participant in efforts to address asbestos testing in talc since 2010 representing FDA as a liaison to Talc USP expert panels and has assumed a leadership role in the Interagency Working Group on Asbestos in Consumer Products, participating in all 3 of its subgroups including chairing Subgroup 3. Dr. Wolfgang received his Ph.D. in inorganic chemistry from the City University of New York.