

Water Sustainability within Overall Sustainability Interests at HESI



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About HESI



- ILSI Health and Environmental Sciences Institute (HESI) (www.hesiglobal.org)

- Global branch of ILSI



- **Vision:** Creating science-based solutions for a sustainable, healthier world.

- **Mission:** Engage scientists from academia, government and industry to identify and resolve global health and environmental issues.



Sustainability as it Applies to Chemical Products & Processes

- Hazards
 - Human and ecological
- Renewability
- Degradation
- Energy
- Water



2011 Emerging Issue Selected

- Emerging Issue selected in 2011:
Frameworks for alternative chemical assessment and selection of safer, sustainable alternatives
 - **First sustainability project for HESI**
- 2012: Supported by HESI for \$50,000
- 2013: HESI will match up to \$50,000 in funding to support the Subcommittee



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Objectives

- To build understanding of existing approaches used to select safer, sustainable alternatives
- To identify strength, weaknesses & gaps in current approaches
- To identify emerging needs/challenges for the future
- To develop and publish recommendations aimed at improving the successful selection of safer, sustainable alternatives



Moving Beyond Hazard

- Assessment of chemical performance
- Assessment of exposure
- Basis of comparison/assessment
- Data gaps/assessment of data poor chemical substances
- Lifecycle



Sustainability of Water Applied to Chemical Assessment



- Which attributes of water are important for determining sustainability?
 - Reuse/recycling
 - Quality
 - Local/regional impact
- What tools are available to measure progress?



Next Steps

- Development of a work plan
- Evaluation of existing frameworks
- Face-to-face meeting in February 2012
- Development of workshop during 2012
- Publication of workshop proceedings

