

## **Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Reform**

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### *Presenter biography*

In January 2012, President Obama nominated Jim Jones to be the Assistant Administrator for EPA's Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP). The nomination is currently pending in the U.S. Senate. At this time, Jim is the Acting Assistant Administrator of OCSPP. He is responsible for managing the office that implements the nation's pesticide, toxic chemical, and pollution prevention laws. The office has an annual budget of approximately \$260 million and more than 1,300 employees.

From April through November 2011, Jim served as the Deputy Assistant Administrator for EPA's Office of Air and Radiation. From January 2007 until April 2011, Jim served as the Deputy Assistant Administrator for OCSPP, including six months as Acting Assistant Administrator. From 2003-2007, Jim served as the Director of the Office of Pesticide Programs. In this role he was responsible for the regulation of pesticides in the United States with a budget of approximately \$150 million and 850 employees, making it the largest EPA Headquarters program office.

Jim's career with EPA spans more than 24 years. He has an M.A. from the University of California at Santa Barbara and a B.A. from the University of Maryland, both in Economics.

### *Presentation abstract*

Jim will speak about EPA's chemical management program, including an overview of the current state of chemical safety regulation and management, the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) and TSCA reform, and general Administration principles for chemical safety. His talk will focus on several key aspects of EPA's chemical management program, including risk assessment and management; public access to chemical data; computational toxicology; and advances and innovations in green chemistry. He will also discuss progress made in 2013 in these areas, including a highlight of recent developments.