Considerations of Chemical Synthesis:

Learning from Past Mistakes to Ensure a Safer Future

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Historical Context

- Synthetic chemicals have a good and bad side
- Humans have used toxic chemicals without understanding impacts on health and the environment.
- In recent times, several toxic chemicals have been identified and regulated due to their harmful effects.

  Examples of regulated toxic chemicals include:

  - DDT
  - PCB's
  - BPA's

- Not out of the woods!
  - 6PPD-Q

My Questions

- How to cope with inseparability from synthesized chemicals?
- Implications of current systems and use of chemicals?
- Are current frameworks ethical, equitable, and adequate?

Method of Analysis: Qualitative Analysis Literature Review

Frameworks of Analysis

ETHICAL	ANTHROPOLOGICAL	ECOLOGICAL

• Rarely is someone free of culpability
  ○ Not reflective of reparation delegation
	• Low-income and marginalized communities
	  ○ Direct involvement from impacted communities
		• Historical and cultural contexts affect priorities
		  ○ All environmental agencies have their unique set of shortcomings
		  ○ Not universally regulated

The Globe

- Use in commercial settings without independent review
- High mobility or significant or widespread use
- We (humans) love trends and so does the market
- Rapidly changing circumstances can confound policy
- There are exceptions to policy

Ok..Now What?

- Apply green chemistry principles to chemical synthesis/use
  - Investment in safer, sustainable technology
- Adjust frameworks
  - Add provisions for response to harmful chemicals
  - Stricter regulation and enforcement (particularly commercially)

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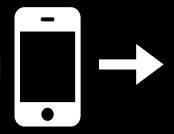

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