

INFORMATION FROM GEORGE LISENSKY

Given the discussion of nanosilver at the last meeting, I would like to suggest some useful references.

A good general reference on specific nanomaterials is the UK report "EMERGNANO: A review of completed and near completed environment, health and safety research on nanomaterials and nanotechnology" from March 2009. Section 7.4 on pages 53-56 contains a summary of what is known about safety for nanomaterials used in the largest quantities. They suggest that silver is the nanomaterial of most concern.
http://www.safenano.org/Uploads/EMERGNANO_CB0409_Concise.pdf

Friends of the Earth suggest a moratorium on the commercial use of nanosilver or at least a requirement to label products that contain manufactured nanosilver. They have joined other groups in petitioning the EPA to rule that nano-silver is a new pesticide that requires a new pesticide registration.

<http://www.foe.org/healthy-people/nanosilver>

the report at

http://www.foe.org/sites/default/files/Nano-silverReport_US.pdf

and the EPA petition at

http://www.foe.org/sites/default/files/CTA_nano-silver%2520petition_final_5_1_08.pdf