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## NEWS ALERT

### Gradient Principal Testifies at CPSIA Congressional Briefing, Capitol Hill, April 1, 2009

Barbara D. Beck, Principal at Gradient Corporation, provided testimony during yesterday's Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) Rally and Congressional Briefing at the Capitol in Washington, DC. The Congressional Briefing explored the issues and repercussions of the CPSIA currently faced by manufacturers, retailers, and other stakeholders. During her testimony, Dr. Beck urged Congress and the CPSC to consider a risk-based approach for lead in consumer products.

[Dr. Beck's CPSIA Congressional Briefing comments >>](#)

Speakers included members of Congress and representatives from:

- Charitable organizations
- National Association of Manufacturers
- Small business owners from various industries affected by the CPSIA
- Motorcycle and ATV dealerships
- Publishers and library associations
- Product safety and lead experts

#### CPSIA Updates

The CPSIA (H. R. 4040), enacted on August 14, 2008, is especially significant to manufacturers of children's toys and products. The CPSIA imposed a ban, effective February 28, 2009, on selling children's toys and products that contain more than 600 ppm lead. The permissible limit is reduced in stages to 300 ppm (August 14, 2009) and then to 100 ppm in 2011. The CPSIA imposes additional restrictions on phthalates and requires third-party testing.

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Gradient Corporation is a nationally renowned consulting company offering expertise in Toxicology, Risk Assessment, Environmental Chemistry, and Fate and Transport. We have assisted clients in addressing Product Safety and recall issues involving lead and plastics to address the requirements of the CPSIA, as well as scientific defense of toxic tort claims.



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