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Joint Life Cycle Assessment Interest Group Launches to Tackle the Pressing Technical Issues in the Field

Co-chairs, steering committee and interest group members from **the** Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC) North America and American Center for Life Cycle Assessment (ACLCA) will work together on the technical advancement of environmental life cycle assessment (LCA).

WASHINGTON -- ACLCA and SETAC North America are excited to announce the launch of a Joint LCA Technical Interest Group. The LCA Interest Group will be focused on strengthening collaboration in order to advance the technical and methodological aspects of science, practice and application related to LCA and to reduce the resource consumption and environmental burdens associated with products, processes, services and other activities in North America.

“The Joint LCA Technical Interest Group provides our organizations and the entire LCA community with a means for a truly meaningful collaboration that will allow us to make a greater impact on environmental sustainability,” said Dr. William Flanagan, ACLCA board chair.

Specifically, the Joint LCA Interest Group will focus efforts on the science of LCA, which defines and refines the processes used to analyze a product’s environmental impact through every stage. These models and assessments underpin industry decision-making and policy applications.

“By joining forces with ACLCA, we can leverage SETAC’s proven track record and deep technical expertise in the methodological advancement of LCA to complement and support ACLCA’s objectives centered around stakeholder engagement and practical implementation. The already existing overlap between SETAC and ACLCA members on the steering committee made this the obvious choice for everyone involved,” said current SETAC North America LCA Interest Group Chair, Dr. Christoph Koffler of thinkstep Inc.

For details on the Joint SETAC North America ACLCA LCA Technical Interest Group, please visit the [Joint LCA Interest Group](#)’s website.

About ACLCA

The American Center for Life Cycle Assessment (ACLCA) is a nonprofit membership organization providing education, awareness, advocacy and communications to build capacity and knowledge of environmental LCA. ACLCA membership consists of industry, academia, government, consulting and NGOs. Visit www.aclca.org to find out more.

About SETAC North America

SETAC North America is a Geographic Unit of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC), established to promote and undertake activities of SETAC in the United States, Canada and Mexico. SETAC North America is dedicated to the use of multidisciplinary approaches to examine the impacts of stressors, chemicals and technology on the environment. The Society also provides an open forum for scientists and institutions engaged in the study of environmental problems, management and regulation of natural resources, education, research and development, and manufacturing. Visit www.setac.org to learn more.

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