What's Up in Crazy “Orygone”

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Pseudo/ephedrine

- The key ingredient necessary to make meth in all modern meth labs

Ephedra sinica (Ma Huang)

Most is now generated in a complex chemical fermenting process with yeast and molasses . . . in 8 large factories in 3 countries

Pictures courtesy of The Oregonian

Pseudo/ephedrine and Meth

Start with Pseudo/Ephedrine
Remove the hydroxyl group
Add back hydrogen

A Meth Lab:
(Ogata or Birch reduction)
Reduction of Local Toxic Meth Labs

Lessons Learned

• Quantity limitation
  • Little to no reduction
• Behind the counter (Sch V lite)
  • 40-70% reduction
• Behind the pharmacy counter (Sch V)
  • 70-90% reduction

What’s left: Smurfing

• The fix:
  • Electronic database monitoring
  • S 1276
  • Meth Production Prevention Act
  • Prescription (Schedule III)
  • HB 2485

Smurfing by example . . .

There were only a few “no” votes

• HB 2485
  • 9 out of 90
• SB 907
  • 1 out of 90

Results?

• ONDCP Report (Nov 2006)
  • Oregon has the strictest PSE law in the Nation.
  • Oregon has the largest reduction in meth labs.
• Since then:
  • Complete elimination of smurfing
  • Complete elimination of local toxic meth labs in Oregon
But then again, there’s always Colbert . . .

Two Big Reasons for Sch III
• 1. Eliminate smurfing and the rest of your local toxic meth labs
• 2. Protect your state if international trends continue . . .

Cutting off PSE to the Super Labs
• CMEA Subtitle B

Mexico launches war on drug lords
Calderon vows war against notorious drug gangs

Mexico halts meth chemical at Pacific port
19.5-lbs - The seizure shows controls aren’t solid and could be leverage for China
The Results...

- Imports of pseudoephedrine plummet
  - Mexico:
    - 2004 – 224 metric tons
    - 2005 – 134 metric tons
    - 2006 – 76 metric tons

Purity levels are dropping nationwide:

- Spring 2005 = 77%
- Spring 2006 = 51%

Two Big Reasons for Sch III

- 1. Eliminate smurfing and the rest of your local toxic meth labs
- 2. Protect your state if international trends continue...
  - ...leading to a possible resurgence in local toxic meth labs
Methamphetamine Awareness Project
Films and TV commercials
Produced, written, and directed by students

"No Meth Not Here" banner image

Questions?

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