A Whistleblower Case

A whistleblower is a person that turns to the appropriate authority to report scientific misconduct. All of the above was taken from LA Times (by Marla Cone). Unfortunately it would seem that science is not above reproach when it comes to cover ups and scandals. Dr. Deborah Rice had studied deca, a chemical compound, from the public health point of view. Her job as a member of the EPA panel was to give scientific advice on environmental matters. In 1999, Rice testified before the Maine Legislature in support of a ban on the chemical. That same year, chemical manufacturers, complained to a top-ranking EPA official that she was biased. "appear to lack impartiality. 

EPA panel in August after the American Chemistry Council, the lobbying group for chemical manufacturers, complained to a top-ranking EPA official that she was biased. Under the agency's handbook for advisory committees, scientific peer reviewers should not "have a conflict of interest" or "be influenced by any private interest." For example, she advised the EPA to consider the cumulative effects of not just deca, but chemicals with similar neurological effects. EPA panel was convened, Rice testified before the Maine Legislature in support of a ban on the compound because scientific evidence shows it is toxic and accumulating in the environment and people. [...]