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Nano - the smallest technology the greatest challenges

Nanoscience and nanotechnology are attracting interest from groups concerned with societal, ethical and environmental issues. There are some interesting questions surrounding these issues such as why nano- has been singled out, what aspects of nano- are actually a source of real concern, what is the role of scientists in identifying and acting upon concerns, are there appropriate legislative processes that encompass nano- and what lessons can be learnt from previous debates over, for example, BSE and GM.