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**Styrene Information and Research Center Statement
In Response to NRDC Report Entitled “The Delay Game”**

(The Styrene Information and Research Center (SIRC) issued the following statement today in response to the Natural Resources Defense Council Report entitled “The Delay Game: How the Chemical Industry Ducks Regulation of the Most Toxic Substances.” This statement may be attributed in whole or in part to SIRC Executive Director Jack Snyder.)

ARLINGTON, Va. (Oct. 18, 2011) – “The Styrene Information and Research Center (SIRC) has contributed the latest styrene science to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA’s) Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) review of styrene since the review began in 1998.

“We will continue to do so toward achieving an EPA styrene risk assessment that is based on the latest and best styrene science. Contrary to the NRDC’s report, we would have preferred the IRIS report to be completed quickly, if it would have been done right.

“However, as the American Chemistry Council (ACC) points out in its statement on this matter, it is clear that the EPA’s chemical assessment program needs to be fixed. SIRC is working with ACC and other stakeholders to help make pending reviews like the one on styrene and all future reviews more accurate and credible. As ACC notes, fixing EPA’s risk assessment approach will ensure that assessments are done more efficiently and provide answers to the public, public health professionals and industry in a far more timely way that does not put jobs at risk or alarm the public without sound scientific basis.

“It is worth noting that styrene is the basis for thousands of products used safely every day by consumers around the world, including many that are fundamental to health, safety and environmental protection. You can find more information about styrene at www.youknowstyrene.org or www.styrene.org.”

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