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**Styrene Information and Research Center Statement on Denial of Motion
For Preliminary Injunction to Withdraw 12th Report on Carcinogens as It Relates to Styrene**

ARLINGTON, Va. (July 6, 2011) – Judge Reggie B. Walton of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia on July 5 denied the Styrene Information and Research Center’s (SIRC’s) motion seeking a preliminary injunction ordering the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to withdraw the 12th *Report on Carcinogens (RoC)* from publication as it relates to styrene.

At the conclusion of a 90-minute hearing, the judge asked both parties to establish within two weeks a schedule in which to litigate the merits of SIRC’s claim that styrene should be removed from the *RoC*. SIRC legal counsel will work with government counsel to develop that schedule while evaluating other possible legal options.

On June 10, 2011, HHS published the 12th *RoC* listing styrene as “reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen.” SIRC contends that styrene’s inclusion is unjustified by the latest science and resulted from a flawed process that focused on only those data that support a cancer concern, and effectively ignored the preponderance of data that fail to suggest a cancer concern for styrene.

SIRC filed its complaint against the listing on June 10, and on June 16 filed a motion seeking the preliminary injunction. While Judge Walton indicated that SIRC’s claims have some strength and that product de-selection and other economic damage to the industry are potential consequences of the *RoC* listing, his denial was based in large measure on the basis that evidence of “irreparable harm” to this point had not been presented.

As this legal process moves forward, the styrene industry coalition of which SIRC is part will continue to press its case through congressional advocacy in support of a National Academy of Sciences review of the HHS styrene evaluation and congressional oversight for the HHS National Toxicology Program process, through which styrene was recommended for listing in the *RoC*.

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(Note to Editors: The “Newsroom” on SIRC’s Web site, www.styrene.org, is regularly updated with the latest legal documents that pertain to this case; find them under “SIRC News Releases.”)