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Styrene Information and Research Center Statement on *Report on Carcinogens* Challenge Litigation Timeline

The Styrene Information and Research Center (SIRC) and the U.S. Department of Justice have filed with the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia a proposed litigation schedule on SIRC's challenge to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS') inclusion of styrene in its 12th *Report on Carcinogens (RoC)*.

The Joint Proposed Briefing Schedule is, as follows:

- August 26, defendants file administrative record and defendants' answer due;
- October 7, plaintiffs' dispositive motion due;
- November 11, defendants' dispositive motion/opposition due;
- December 2, plaintiffs' opposition/reply due, and
- December 23, defendants' reply due

"We would have preferred to get the administrative record moving along sooner, but the government would not accommodate," said SIRC Executive Director Jack Snyder. "We expect the court to approve this schedule. If we take the case to summary judgment, a hearing and ruling probably would be scheduled in January or February 2012."

On June 10, HHS listed styrene as "reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen" in the *RoC* upon recommendation of its National Toxicology Program (NTP). SIRC filed its legal challenge later that day, contending that styrene's inclusion is unjustified by the latest science and resulted from a flawed process that focused only on those data that support a cancer concern, and effectively ignored the preponderance of data that fail to suggest such concern. On July 5, the court denied SIRC's motion seeking a preliminary injunction ordering HHS to withdraw the *RoC* from publication as it relates to styrene.

As the legal process moves forward, the styrene industry coalition of which SIRC is part continues 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/NTP process.

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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.")