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**Styrene Information and Research Center Statement on U.S. District Court Opinion
And Order on Styrene Industry's Motion to Complete the Administrative Record**

The Styrene Information and Research Center (SIRC) is pleased that Judge Reggie B. Walton of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia has granted a key provision of the motion filed by SIRC and Dart Container Corp. seeking to have the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) complete the administrative record that pertains to the styrene industry's challenge of styrene's listing in *the Report on Carcinogens* (RoC).

Specifically, Judge Walton on March 30, 2012, granted the styrene industry's request to include reports generated by subgroups to the National Toxicology Program's (NTP's) Expert Panel pertaining to styrene's listing on June 10, 2011, as "reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen" in the 12th RoC. NTP, which is part of HHS, is mandated by Congress to periodically publish an RoC. SIRC and Dart challenged the listing in court on the day the 12th RoC was published.

"We believe that the Expert Panel's materials are the most important for our case from a discovery perspective," said SIRC Executive Director Jack Snyder. "We anticipate that they will provide very meaningful insights into how the NTP reached its scientifically unwarranted decision to include styrene in the RoC."

The judge on March 30 ordered HHS to supplement the administrative record with the NTP Expert Panel subgroups' reports by April 6, 2012, and ordered both parties to submit a proposed briefing schedule for summary judgment motions no later than April 9, 2012.

In the same March 30 opinion, Judge Walton denied the styrene industry's motion to supplement the record with NTP's independent analyses and statistical calculations of data from the styrene background document generated by NTP to support its listing recommendation. He also denied industry's request that HHS produce documents relating to the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ASTDR) Cancer Policy Chart, and other documents relating to a letter from ATSDR Director Dr. Christopher Portier that interprets the agency's 2010 Toxicology Profile on styrene.

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