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10/28/11 SIRC files motion seeking additional documents

On October 28, the Styrene Information and Research Center's (SIRC's) legal counsel filed a motion with the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia seeking additional documents that pertain to its continuing legal challenge to the listing of styrene in the 12th Report on Carcinogens. Specifically, SIRC asked for the court to compel the Department of Justice to produce three categories of documents, as follows:

- (1) Those relating to the work performed by various subgroups of the National Toxicology Program's (NTP's) Expert Panel, which reviewed the styrene listing;
- (2) Independent analyses conducted by the NTP or others of data from the studies reported in the NTP's Styrene Background Document, and
- (3) Documents relating to the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry's (ATSDR's) Cancer Policy Chart and a letter from ATSDR Director Dr. Christopher Portier that interprets the ATSDR's 2010 Toxicology Profile on styrene and NTP's styrene conclusion as not being inconsistent, which SIRC believes they are.

No decision is expected on SIRC's latest motion until at least December 1, when both parties meet with Judge Reggie B. Walton to discuss the discovery issues. When those are resolved, the parties will propose a briefing schedule on the summary judgment motions.

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