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11/28/11 — Judge cancels December 1 hearing on styrene case; conference to be scheduled

On November 28, Judge Reggie B. Walton of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia canceled a December 1 hearing on the administrative record dispute between the Styrene Information and Research Center (SIRC) and the U.S. Department of Justice (representing the Department of Health and Human Services), in SIRC's legal challenge to HHS' listing of styrene as "reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen" in its 12th *Report on Carcinogens*.

SIRC's legal counsel had filed a motion October 28 seeking additional documents from HHS that pertain to its challenge to the styrene listing (see October 28 "Newsroom" posting). The judge's latest order indicates that he believes a hearing is not necessary, and that the issues between the two parties can be resolved through an as-yet-to-be-scheduled conference with counsel. Further developments in this case will be posted in the styrene.org "Newsroom" as they occur.

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