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SIRC Statement on IARC’s Styrene Classification

The International Agency for Research on Cancer’s (IARC) has classified styrene as a Group 2B carcinogen (possibly carcinogenic to humans) since 1987. IARC last reaffirmed that classification in February 2002.

While we believe that the "possibly carcinogenic to humans" classification is not the most appropriate interpretation of the evolving scientific data on styrene, we also believe that others looking at the data and using IARC’s criteria could reach the same conclusion that IARC did. For additional information, we recommend that you visit IARC’s website -- www.iarc.fr -- or contact IARC at 150, Cours Albert Thomas, 69372 Lyon Cedex 08, France.

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