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[Background: In a congressionally mandated report released today, the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences agreed with styrene's inclusion in the National Toxicology Program's 12th Report on Carcinogens. The statement below can be attributed – in its entirety or in part – to Jack Snyder, SIRC executive director.]

SIRC comments on National Research Council's review of styrene

Washington, D.C., July 28, 2014 – SIRC acknowledges the service of the National Research Council committee, and will carefully review the committee's conclusions and recommendations. We will address questions raised in the report and take any necessary steps to assure the continued safety of consumers, industry workers and plant communities.

Consumers are not at risk from products made from styrene. National Toxicology Program officials confirmed the safety of styrene-based products when styrene was included in its Report on Carcinogens in 2011. Styrene manufacturers have been citing the NTP classification in their styrene safety data sheets since that time.

Since its inception, the Styrene Information & Research Center and its members have been proactive regarding consumer, environmental and worker safety. The styrene industry has invested more than \$25 million to advance the science on styrene and fulfill our product stewardship mission. We believe research currently in progress will expand on the data considered in the NRC report, and provide more robust information for future styrene hazard and risk assessments.

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About SIRC

The Styrene Information & Research Center (SIRC) sponsors research on styrene and its environmental and health effects. SIRC also serves as a liaison between industry, federal and state governments, and international agencies on science and regulatory issues involving styrene. Learn more by visiting www.styrene.org.