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### FINAL NTP REPORT PROVIDES SOUND SCIENTIFIC SUPPORT FOR BISPHENOL A SAFETY ASSESSMENTS

ARLINGTON, VA (September 3, 2008) – The American Chemistry Council (ACC) today welcomes the release of the final report on bisphenol A from the National Toxicology Program (NTP). The findings of the report, which identified no serious human health concerns, will provide important input into safety assessments of consumer products containing bisphenol A.

“The safety of our products is our highest priority,” stated Steven G. Hentges, Ph.D., of the American Chemistry Council’s Polycarbonate/BPA Global Group. “An earlier draft of the NTP report has already been used by the Food and Drug Administration to support their safety assessment, which confirms that food-contact products made from polycarbonate plastic, including products for infants and children, can continue to be used safely.”

The conclusions of the Food and Drug Administration assessment, which comprehensively includes scientific information from a wide range of sources including the NTP report, are consistent with other government agencies that have evaluated bisphenol A. Most recently the European Food Safety Authority has reached a similar conclusion.

The NTP report is the result of a comprehensive and rigorous scientific review process that included an earlier report from a panel of independent scientific experts and a final peer-review by the NTP Board of Scientific Counselors. The report confirms that human exposure to bisphenol A is very low and that there is no direct evidence that exposure to bisphenol A adversely affects human reproduction or development. While NTP noted limited and inconclusive evidence from laboratory animal studies that could indicate health concerns, additional research will be needed to determine if these concerns are relevant to human health.

“For many years we have supported extensive research on the safety of bisphenol A,” stated Dr. Hentges. “As part of our ongoing research program, we currently have a comprehensive study underway that will address one of the scientific uncertainties identified in the NTP report.”

Many common consumer products that contribute to healthier and safer lives are based on plastics and resins made from bisphenol A, which has a 50-year safety track record. Shatter-resistant and clear polycarbonate plastic is used in a wide array of products ranging from plastic bottles and eyeglasses to sports safety equipment, as well as components of life saving medical devices such as incubators and kidney dialysis machines. Durable epoxy resins are used as the coating in most food and beverage cans, helping to protect the safety and integrity of our food supply.

The full report from NTP is available at:

<http://cerhr.niehs.nih.gov/chemicals/bisphenol/bisphenol.pdf>



Learn more about bisphenol A at <http://www.bisphenol-A.org>.

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