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ACC DIISOCYANATES PANEL COMMENTS ON RESULTS OF NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY EXPOSURE STUDY *Study Finds No Risk to Public Health from TDI Emissions; No Cause for Concern*

ARLINGTON, VA (May 25, 2010) – *The Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) late yesterday released their findings of a study regarding the possible community health effects of exposure to toluene diisocyanate (TDI). The following statement may be attributed to the American Chemistry Council (ACC) on behalf of the Diisocyanates Panel:*

“The ATSDR/NCDHHS North Carolina Community Exposure Study did not find any significant health-related concerns associated with communities near plants using TDI. In its [summary report](#), the state and federal researchers concluded, ‘We did not find a scientific connection between respiratory problems and exposure to TDI ... Overall, we did not find that people living near the plants that emit TDI have recent or current exposure to TDI at levels of health concern.’

“Panel members are committed to the safe manufacture and use of TDI.”

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