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SILICONE INDUSTRY & EPA COME TO AN AGREEMENT ON ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PROGRAM

Silicone industry's environmental monitoring proposal underscores government assessments showing that siloxanes do not present a risk to health or the environment

WASHINGTON (April 17, 2014) – Representing significant investment and commitment of the U.S. silicones industry, five members of the Silicones Environmental, Health, and Safety Center (SEHSC) of the American Chemistry Council (ACC) have finalized an agreement for scientifically-robust environmental testing to facilitate U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) environmental risk assessment for the siloxane D4. D4 is an odorless, colorless non-oily silicone fluid used primarily as an intermediate to make silicone polymers.

“The silicone industry extensively studies the human health and environmental impacts of its materials,” said Karluss Thomas, senior director, ACC's Chemical Products & Technology Division. “Throughout our discussions with EPA, SEHSC has remained committed to generating the necessary data to support an environmental risk assessment for D4 that is consistent with sound science and comports with the industry's commitment to environmental stewardship. This agreement is an extension of the silicone industry's voluntary stewardship efforts to support greater scientific understanding of the health and environmental safety of siloxanes used in consumer and industrial applications.”

Siloxanes, including D4, are some of the most extensively studied chemicals widely-used in consumer products and industrial applications. The safety of D4 in personal care products has been confirmed by independent expert scientific panels, including: the European Scientific Committee for Consumer Safety, the United States Cosmetics Review Panel and Health Canada.

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