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Alliance for Chemical Awareness Advisory Panel Considers “Technical Framework”

WASHINGTON, D.C. (January 9) – Specifics of the Alliance for Chemical Awareness’ (ACA) proposed screening level evaluation process and “how and what” to communicate to the public were addressed by ACA’s Advisory Panel at its meeting here today.

The Alliance for Chemical Awareness is a coalition of chemical trade associations, manufacturers and users formed to enhance the availability of information to the public about major chemicals in commerce. The Advisory Panel is providing independent review of the efforts being undertaken by ACA to improve the understanding of chemical hazard and exposure data generated as a result of the High Production Volume Chemical Challenge.

Participating in today’s session from ACA were Larry Games of Procter and Gamble, president of ACA, Hugh Campbell of DuPont, vice-president, and several chairs of ACA’s working committees.

Organizations providing individuals that participate on the advisory panel include:

- Mary Ellen Weber (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency)*
- Marilyn Wind (U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission)
- Chris Portier (National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences)
- Dennis H. Treacy (Virginia Department of Environmental Quality)
- Professor Lester Lave (Carnegie Mellon University’s Graduate School of Industrial Administration)
- Lynn Goldman (Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health)
- Mike Taylor (Resources for the Future)
- Karen Florini (Environmental Defense)
- Pat Kenworthy (National Environmental Trust)
- Holly Anderson (National Consumer League)
- Michael Sprinker (International Chemical Workers Union Council)

Along with providing ACA with independent oversight of its activities, the Panel also presents an opportunity for input and counsel from non-industrial experts, and ensures that the processes that ACA develops are open, transparent and balanced. Participation in the panel is governed under a set of Stakeholder Advisory Panel Guidelines that panel members reviewed prior to participation.

Following some brief introductory remarks by Games, a series of speakers provided background on a technical framework developed by ACA to evaluate the risks of HPV chemicals while considering their uses in commerce. After some review of the presentations, members of the stakeholder panel discussed the framework, as well as related aspects of HPV reporting.

Near-term future activities of the Advisory Panel will focus on reviewing documents and products from ACA's communication and data sharing committees. The Advisory Panel anticipates completing its review of committee documents by early spring, 2001.

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