

A W A R E N E S S

June 1, 2001

Contact: Caroline Seklemian
800-410-1119

ALLIANCE FOR CHEMICAL AWARENESS ANNOUNCES NEW WEB SITE

The Alliance for Chemical Awareness (ACA) announced today the launch of its new interactive web site, accessible at <http://www.chemicalawareness.org>.

The web site has been developed through the efforts of ACA members, with input from the ACA's Advisory Panel, which consists of representatives from government, non-government organizations and academia.

The ACA is an initiative by the business community, working with advice and perspective from government agencies and non-governmental organizations, to enhance the availability of information to the public about major chemicals in commerce, with a particular focus on the High Production Volume (HPV) chemicals that have been the subject of public/private chemical testing programs.

The web site includes a "library" of resources, including guidance documents for companies to use when developing exposure assessments for a particular chemical. Companies can also gain support in communicating the results to the public in a way that is meaningful and understandable by using ACA's communications guidance documents.

"This web site is designed to benefit all companies involved in the HPV chemical testing program by assisting them in making their efforts toward the HPV Challenge more effective, and communication with the public more open," said Larry Games, chairman of the ACA. "We are pleased to make these valuable resources available to all companies."

The High Production Volume Chemical Challenge was jointly developed in 1998 by the American Chemistry Council (formerly the Chemical Manufacturers Association), Environmental Defense (formerly the Environmental Defense Fund) and the US Environmental Protection Agency to provide screening-level hazard information on chemicals that are manufactured or imported into the US in quantities exceeding one million pounds per year.

###