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WORKSHOP WILL OFFER NEW TOOLS FOR HPV PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

WASHINGTON, DC – New technical and communications tools for companies working to make information publicly available on High Production Volume chemicals will be presented at a special industry workshop in Washington, DC, September 6, 2001.

“Characterizing and Communicating About Chemicals In Commerce” is being organized by the Alliance for Chemical Awareness (ACA), a voluntary initiative of the business community to enhance the availability of information to the public about major chemicals in commerce. The Alliance’s efforts have thus far focused on HPV chemicals, but the tools are intended to be applicable to a broad range of chemical assessments.

The workshop will be held at the Loews L’Enfant Plaza Hotel at 480 L’Enfant Plaza, SW in Washington, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The registration fee for the event is \$135 (\$175 after August 24), and attendees can register online at ACA’s Web site, www.chemicalawareness.org.

“The workshop will equip all members of the supply chain – raw material suppliers, chemical manufacturers, distributors, formulators, and consumer product manufacturers – with tools they need to assess and communicate the safety of chemicals in commerce,” said ACA chairman Larry Games.

During the daylong program, ACA will present case studies to show how other chemical producers and users already have determined the uses of particular chemicals, the nature and magnitude of exposure to these materials, and the significance of these exposures in light of available hazard data. ACA speakers will also outline tools to help effectively communicate – to technical and non-technical audiences – the results of the assessments, and explain how companies can use the library of guidance materials available on ACA’s Web site, www.chemicalawareness.org.

In addition to presentations and demonstrations by professionals from the ACA membership, speakers will include:

- Dr. Lynn Goldman, Professor of Occupational and Environmental Health, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and Chair of the ACA Advisory Panel. Dr. Goldman will share her perspectives on the role of the advisory panel in the ACA's activities, as they relate to openness, transparency and clarity. The panel, consisting of individuals from government agencies, non-governmental organizations and academia, has provided ACA with advice and perspective on the Alliance’s efforts during the last several months.
- Stephen Johnson (invited), head of EPA’s Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances.

For more information about the workshop or about ACA, visit www.chemicalawareness.org or contact ACA directly at aca@chemcialawareness.com or at 800-410-1119.