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Subject: FW: API response - where did it come from?

I had a question about the genesis of the response below that was given to the reporter from BNA. This is the same response that was sent to the reporter from the Houston Chronicle last year. It borrows heavily from the "Main Messages" document that the Communications Committee put together some time ago.

From: Russell White [mailto:whiter@api.org]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2006 3:09 PM
To: ebyerrum@bna.com
Subject: API response

Ellen,

As you requested, here is our response to the article by Dr. Peter Infante in the recent edition of the International Journal of Occupational and Environmental Health.

The Shanghai Health Study is being conducted to gain a better understanding of the relationship between benzene exposure and potential cancer risk to protect industry workers and customers. The study, begun in 2001, is currently scheduled for completion in 2007-2008. The investigators conducting the study have full control over the study design, research, and all interpretations and conclusions that may be drawn from the data when the study is completed. Upon completion, the findings of the study will be peer-reviewed and published by the researchers in scientific journals.

The Shanghai Health Study is a project of Fudan University Medical Center in Shanghai, the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center and Applied Health Sciences, an independent research firm in San Francisco. This study is funded by a consortium of petroleum and chemical companies, and the consortium is administered by API. The study was designed by independent epidemiological and toxicological investigators. The research protocols and the research itself are being overseen by scientific and ethics review panels composed of 14 world-renowned, independent experts in the field. The research protocols also have been approved by independent review boards at Fudan University, the University of Colorado and Applied Health Sciences.

For information about the actual research please contact Dr. Richard Irons at the University of Colorado.

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Please contact me if you have additional questions.

Regards,

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