reports and articles have recently appeared regarding phthalates in the environment. A few of these are listed below:

Environment, October, 1971, "The New-Car Smell" by Kevin P. Shea. A totally irresponsible attempt to link Dr. Rubin's work and other studies with various ill-effects.

New York Post, November 1, 1971, "Is that New-Car Smell Toxic?" by Harlan Draeger. A newspaper summary of the above article.

Chemical & Engineering News, November 1, 1971, "Plasticizers: Pollution Suspect." Dr. F. L. Mayer, Jr. of the U. S. Department of the Interior Fish-Pesticide Laboratory claims that phthalate esters may be significant water pollutants.

Science News, November 13, 1971, "Plasticizers Suspected of Contamination." Sinai Hospital, Baltimore, and the U. S. Department of Agriculture have found the presence of phthalate esters in the heart muscles of cattle, dogs, rabbits and rats.

Washington Post, January 18, 1972, "Plastics Residues Found in Bloodstreams" by Victor Cohn. A summary of most of the bad publicity given to phthalates in recent months.

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