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CMA sent its background document to EPA this week. We expect EPA to use this document as the basis for a Federal Register notice that no TSCA test rule will be required for phthalates (because the industry is conducting voluntary toxicity testing).

CMA is working closely with the new EPA administrator, Anne Gorsuch, to explain why regulations controlling phthalates should wait until testing is complete. To date Ms. Gorsuch has been receptive to our input.

CMA is very concerned that there have been inaccurate statements regarding phthalates in the trade press (Chemical Week, etc.) recently. Apparently, spokesmen from companies not involved with the CMA program have been quoted (Tenneco was specifically mentioned). It was stressed that any inquiries regarding the status of the CMA program be directed to members of the panel.

Please call if you have questions.

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