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## **EPA RELEASES FINAL RISK ASSESSMENT FOR TRICHLOROETHYLENE**

On September 28th, EPA released its Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) assessment of trichloroethylene (TCE). You can view the new summary for Trichloroethylene at [www.epa.gov/iris/subst/0199.htm](http://www.epa.gov/iris/subst/0199.htm) and the accompanying Toxicological Review at [www.epa.gov/iris/supdocs/0199index.html](http://www.epa.gov/iris/supdocs/0199index.html). HSIA's full press release in response to the document can be found under "What's New" on the HSIA website ([www.hsia.org](http://www.hsia.org)). The final assessment is little changed from the 2009 draft, including its conclusion that TCE is "carcinogenic to humans and a human noncancer health hazard". HSIA is disappointed with this assessment and does not agree with EPA's classification of the chemical. HSIA spoke with trade press, including "Inside EPA", "BNA's Daily Environment Report" and "Chemical Week", about the findings. According to EPA's IRIS website, the risk assessments for perchloroethylene and methylene chloride are still expected to be released by the end of the year.

## **PBS SHOW AIRS ON TRICHLOROETHYLENE, REFORM OF THE TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT, AND VAPOR INTRUSION IN ELLICOTT, NEW YORK**

On September 30, PBS' "Need to Know" aired a story on TCE and the need for reform of the Toxic Substances Control Act. HSIA provided information to the show's producer on TCE, and information from our website was referenced during the show. If you missed it, the show can be viewed on the PBS Need to Know website.

## **ANOTHER CONGRESSIONAL HEARING ON THE EPA IRIS PROCESS IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 6TH**

The Environment and Economy Subcommittee of the U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing entitled "Chemical Risk Assessment: What Works for Jobs and the Economy" on Thursday, October 6th, at 9 a.m.. The witness list has yet to be announced. Subcommittee staff has indicated that they are not looking to highlight any particular IRIS assessments during the Subcommittee hearing.

## **HSIA SUPPORTS THE OZONE TRANSPORT COMMISSION'S REDRAFT OF A PROPOSED MODEL RULE ON SOLVENT DEGREASING**

On September 8th, HSIA attended a stakeholder meeting of the Ozone Transport Commission outside of Baltimore, Maryland on a second draft of a model degreasing rule. HSIA asked the OTC staff to confirm that the vapor degreasing requirements in the current draft are unchanged from the 2001 model rule. The decision was made because OTC staff agreed that TCE was already adequately regulated under the National Emissions Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for solvent degreasing. A new VOC content limit requirement will be applied to cold cleaners.

## **MEETING SCHEDULED WITH EPA TO DISCUSS THE DRY CLEANING AND VAPOR DEGREASING NATIONAL EMISSIONS STANDARDS FOR HAZARDOUS AIR POLLUTANTS (NESHAP)**

On October 19th, HSIA will meet with EPA staff in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina on the two referenced NESHAP to obtain an update on current and proposed activities on these standards. We will report on what we learn at those meetings next month.

