Corrections and Clarifications

In the January 1999 **Focus** article [*EHP* 107(1):A18–A23], 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-*p*-dioxin (TCDD) was incorrectly identified as a possible human carcinogen. In 1997, the International Agency for Research on Cancer upgraded the status of 2,3,7,8-TCDD from Group 2A to Group 1, classifying it as a known human carcinogen.

The editors wish to clarify three recommendations printed in the January 1999 **NIEHS News** [*EHP* 107(1):A17].

The NTP Interagency Executive Committee Working Group for the Report on Carcinogens ("RG2") voted against a motion (3 yes votes to 4 no votes) to list methyl-*t*-butyl ether as reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen, and therefore recommended not to list methyl-*t*-butyl ether in the ninth Report on Carcinogens (ROC).

The NTP Board of Scientific Counselors Report on Carcinogens Subcommittee ("NTP Board Subcommittee") voted against a motion (5 yes votes to 6 no votes, with 1 abstention) to list methyl-*t*-butyl ether as reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen, and therefore recommended not to list methyl-*t*-butyl ether in the ninth ROC.

The NTP Board Subcommittee also voted against a motion (5 yes votes to 7 no votes, with 1 abstention) to upgrade the current listing for 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-*p*-dioxin to known to be a human carcinogen, and therefore recommended that 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-*p*-dioxin remain listed as reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen in the ninth (ROC).

Methyl-*t*-butyl ether
RG2 Recommendation RG2 voted against motion to list as reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen (Y = 3, N = 4)
NTP Board Subcommittee Recommendation The NTP Board Subcommittee voted against motion to list as reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen (Y = 5, N = 6, A = 1)
2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-*p*-dioxin
NTP Board Subcommittee Recommendation The NTP Board Subcommittee voted against motion to upgrade listing to known to be a human carcinogen (Y = 5, N = 7, A = 1)

A = abstention, N = no vote, Y = yes vote

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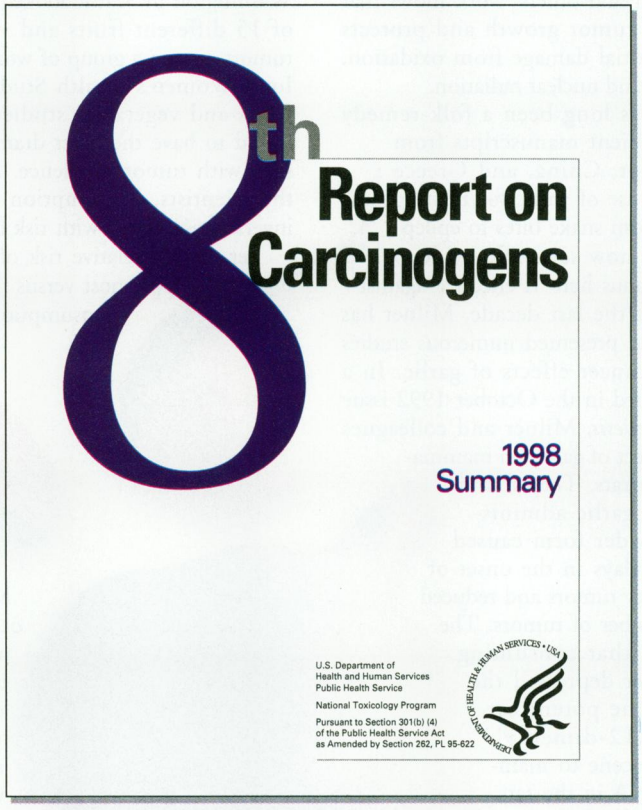

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