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Re: PFOA Risk Assessment Science Advisory Board

Dear Dr. Shallal:

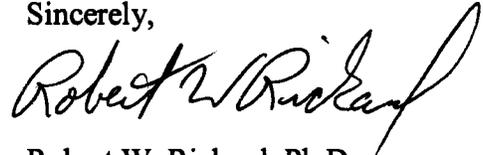
On behalf of E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Company (DuPont), I want to thank you for the opportunity to provide additional comments to the PFOA Risk Assessment Science Advisory Board (SAB). As follow-up to our March 9, 2005 letter to the SAB, we wish to provide the following information that provides additional data, clarification and perspectives on two of the issues discussed during the SAB review.

1. **Two-Phase Employee Health Study at DuPont Washington Works Site** – A cross-sectional study (Phase I) of over 1000 employees is complete and the draft report is undergoing final review. Since the final report is not yet available, we are providing an abstract of the study results (Attachment I). Phase II is a retrospective cohort mortality study of all DuPont employees ever employed at the plant site. Results of Phase II are expected 4Q'05. Robin C. Leonard, Ph.D., Principal Epidemiologist, DuPont Haskell Laboratory, will be available to provide a brief overview of the study and to answer any questions from the panel during the July 6, 2005 SAB teleconference.
2. **Activation of Nuclear Receptors by PFOA and Naturally Occurring Fatty Acids** – This study, outlined in our March 9 letter, has been completed and the manuscript is being finalized for publication. Results of the study have been presented to the EPA and most recently to the FDA. Attachment II provides the latest presentation of the pertinent results and conclusions. John P. Vanden Heuvel, Ph.D., Principal Investigator, Pennsylvania State University, will be available to provide his perspective of the relevance of this study during the SAB teleconference.

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DuPont continues to generate new information that we believe is important to the risk assessment of PFOA. We are committed to objective and transparent research and will continue to share the results of these studies as soon as available.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Rickard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Robert W. Rickard, Ph.D.
Science Director

Attachment I
Attachment II

CC: EPA AR-226 Docket
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Dr. John P. Vanden Heuvel
Dr. Larry R. Zobel