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Subject: Systematic Review for primary cancer of skin where there is prolonged contact with coal tar products, etc.
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Attachments: PrimarySkinCancerAppendixB.pdf

Dear Dr. Wong –

It has been brought to my attention that, in 2012, the agency responsible or occupational health & safety regulation in the Province of British Columbia – an agency named "WorkSafeBC" – conducted a review of its skin cancer causation classification for several substances, including coal tar. The complete review is available at this link: http://www.worksafebc.com/regulation_and_policy/policy_consultation/assets/pdf/PrimarySkinCancerCertainOccupationalExposuresComplete.pdf?_ga=1.192089706.1503806911.1431809356 .

As part of this review, WorkSafeBC funded Dr. John J. Spinelli, Professor at the School of Population and Public Health of the University of British Columbia to conduct a systematic review of the evidence for primary skin cancer in humans exposed to coal tar and other substances under review. Dr. Spinelli's peer reviewed report is attached here. The report findings are supportive of the findings of the industry group that submitted comments on EPA's draft IRIS assessment for benzo(a)pyrene. As reflected in the joint industry comments, the draft benzo(a) pyrene assessment mischaracterizes the hazards of benzo(a)pyrene-containing materials by over-reliance on anecdotes/case reports.

Professor Spinelli's systematic review report may be of interest to members of the Chemical Assessment Advisory Committee of the Science Advisory Board Augmented for review of the draft IRIS benzo(a)pyrene assessment as they work towards finalizing their recommendation to the Agency. Thus, I am submitting the report with the request that it be sent to Committee members.

Regards,
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