

Consolidated Public Comments Submitted to the Augmented RAC for July 22, 2009 Public Conference Call in Review of "EPA Radiogenic Cancer Risk Models and Projections for the U.S. Population," Draft December 2008

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Statement:

National Brain Tumor Society applauds the RAC's recommendation in the draft report (p. 23) to include radiogenic risk to the brain in the Blue Book in the context of the other discussed cancer sites. As the draft report notes (p. 23), "brain-tumor epidemiology literature has reached consensus that ionizing radiation is an established risk factor for brain tumor development." The inclusion of brain tumors in the report is particularly important since ionizing radiation is the ONLY known risk factor for brain tumor development.

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The RAC recommends 34 that EPA present in the Blue Book the radiogenic risk to the brain in the context of the other

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American Brain Tumor Association statement in support of changes to document:
EPA Radiogenic Cancer Risk Models and Projects for the U.S. Population,
December 2008:

Radiation is a proven carcinogen for the formation of brain tumors - especially gliomas, the most common and aggressive type of tumor. In addition, studies have shown that radiation used for diagnostics and treatment may trigger future primary brain tumors. As a result, radiation and its relation to brain tumor development should be specifically addressed in the document "EPA Radiogenic Cancer Risk Models and Projects for the U.S. Population, December 2008."

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Thank you.

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