Copy of an e-mail from Dr. Michael Dourson of TERA dated 8/21/08

Dear Dr. Shalal

Please find below the link to our accepted publication on thyroid tumorigenesis:

http://www.tera.org/pubs/welcome.htm

Dourson, M.L., R. Hertzberg, B. Allen, L. Haber, A. Parker, O. Kroner, A. Maier, and M. Kohrman. 2008. Evidence-Based Dose Response Assessment for Thyroid Tumorigenesis from Acrylamide. Accepted for publication.

As mentioned at two public meetings, this paper lays out support for a dual mode of action (i.e., growth stimulation and mutagenicity), and cites papers not discussed in the draft EPA text, nor during the committee's deliberations. In particular, the growth stimulation mode of action has quite a bit of supporting information. I would be more than happy to send your our responses to journal referees, if this might be helpful.

Thanks for the opportunity to help!

Michael Dourson

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