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### **HSIA DISAGREES WITH EPA'S CLASSIFICATION OF TRICHLOROETHYLENE AS "CARCINOGENIC TO HUMANS"**

Arlington, VA (September 29, 2011) – The Halogenated Solvents Industry Alliance, Inc. (HSIA) welcomes the completion of the IRIS process but expressed disappointment with EPA's classification of the solvent trichloroethylene (TCE) as "carcinogenic to humans."

"EPA failed to take into account comments by the public and other government agencies, and disregarded a recent report by the National Academy of Sciences that the evidence called "convincing" by EPA was at most 'limited or suggestive of an association', said John Bell, HSIA Director of Scientific Programs. He also stated that the modeling used by EPA to derive potency factors was unduly conservative and failed to reflect a great deal of published data on the differences between animals and humans.

Trichloroethylene has been comprehensively regulated under the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and the Clean Air Act for over 20 years. These regulations already restrict its use and allowable emissions and require proper handling and disposal. HSIA's member companies manufacture and market TCE in compliance with all federal and state regulations.

Trichloroethylene is the solvent of choice for many industrial applications due to its stability, high boiling point, and low flammability. TCE presents no risk of harm to the environment when handled, used and disposed of in accordance with EPA regulations and the Material Safety Data Sheet provided by the manufacturer. There are many applications where there is simply no viable substitute.