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## **HSIA SUBMITS TRICHLOROETHYLENE STUDY TO EPA**

HSIA has submitted to EPA the report of a developmental toxicity study sponsored by HSIA and conducted by Charlies River Laboratories (CRL). The study sought to replicate the findings of an earlier study (Johnson *et al*, 2003), which found that TCE exposure in utero can lead to cardiac health defects and has been the driver of EPA's conservative risk assessments and remediation policies on TCE. The CRL study shows no association between TCE and cardiac defects. It is expected that the CRL study will inform EPA's ongoing risk assessment of TCE.

## **HSIA SUPPORTS SAFE USE OF METHYLENE CHLORIDE-BASED PAINT STRIPPERS**

After having led a years long effort to enhance product labeling of methylene chloride-based paint strippers to clearly warn against improper use, HSIA continues to support the continued use of methylene chloride-based paint trippers through education, labeling and other means. The new label, approved by the Consumer Product Safety Commission, makes clear that methylene chloride-based paint strippers should not be used for bathtub refinishing due to inadequate ventilation.

This month, the National Resources Defense Council filed notice of intent to file suit to compel EPA to move forward to ban methylene chloride-based paint strippers. Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY) also called on EPA to act and threatened Congressional action if EPA does not do so.

## **POPULAR SCIENCE ARTICLE ON THE USE OF PERCHLOROETHYLENE BY THE DRY CLEANING INDUSTRY**

HSIA sent a Letter to the Editor of *Popular Science* magazine after its publication of an article entitled "Dry cleaning is Dirtier than you think, Meet the neurotoxin hiding in your winter coat." Copies of the article and HSIA's response are attached.

## **2019 PROMISES TO BE A VERY BUSY YEAR FOR HSIA**

Next year, EPA will release draft risk assessments of perchloroethylene, trichloroethylene, methylene chloride and carbon tetrachloride, all of which HSIA will be commenting on. It promises to be a very busy year as EPA continues its implementation of TSCA as amended by the Lautenberg Chemical Safety Act.

***HSIA WISHES YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS & ALL THE BEST IN THE NEW YEAR!***

