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## SEHSC Statement OEHHA's Review of Toxicity Information on D5 February 25, 2008

The Silicones Environmental Health and Safety Council (SEHSC) has reviewed the evaluation of  $D_5$  submitted to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA). At our request, CARB has agreed to include additional information we provided on the safety of  $D_5$  so that a fuller, more accurate picture of the health and environmental data is made available.

SEHSC does not disagree with CARB's decision on  $D_5$  under AB998 and agrees with CARB's determination based on OEHHA's Memorandum: "Review of Toxicity Information on D5" that  $D_5$  remains an acceptable dry cleaning solvent alternative. However, some of OEHHA's conclusions do not reflect the full body of existing science on  $D_5$ 's effects on human health and the environment.

More than 50 available studies support the safety of  $D_5$  for its intended uses including dry cleaning. These studies show that using  $D_5$  as intended will not have any adverse effects on human health and the environment.

Silicone manufacturers remain committed to continuing their voluntary research program to study the safety of  $D_5$ . We will continue to provide federal and state agencies with safety information on our products.

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