

NTP Comments on 1,2,3-Trimethylbenzene

During our review of the document on 1,2,4- and 1,3,5-TMB we along with other agencies recommended inclusion of information on 1,2,3-TMB. We are pleased that EPA accepted the recommendation and has prepared the supplemental information on 1,2,3-TMB. EPA has selected the appropriate critical studies, clearly described the critical endpoints of toxicity and derived the RfC based on the neurotoxicity, the most consistently observed endpoint in the toxicology database. The rationale for each uncertainty factor applied to derive the RfC is clearly and convincingly rationalized. Overall, we fully agree with the contents of the document and commend the authors for preparing an excellent document.

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