

8/30/11 -- On August 26, 2011, the federal government filed its answer to the Styrene Information and Research Center's (SIRC's) legal challenge to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS') inclusion of styrene in the 12th Report on Carcinogens (RoC). The government filed the HHS administrative record for the RoC concurrently. Both filings were in line with the litigation schedule agreed to by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. As usually is the case, the government's answer is a pro-forma response denying SIRC's allegations. The administrative record comprises some 15,500 pages submitted on a CD-ROM, introduced by a 71-page index. SIRC's legal counsel is reviewing the documents with an eye toward identifying those with titles or characterizations that may seem to be new, while confirming those that are consistent with prior versions. Request the federal government's answer to SIRC's challenge and the index to the administrative record by contacting SIRC communications advisor Joe Walker, walkercom2@aol.com or 703-491-3301.