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**DuPont Statement on University of Pennsylvania Little Hocking Area C8 Study**  
*DuPont reinforces its commitment for water treatment in local communities*

PARKERSBURG, W.Va., July 27, 2005 -- DuPont is encouraged by the scientific approach taken in one of the first definitive community exposure studies measuring PFOA. Conducted by Dr. Edward A. Emmett, Professor of Occupational & Environmental Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center, the study will provide the community with a more complete understanding of the exposure to PFOA from drinking water in the Little Hocking, Ohio, community.

DuPont will continue to work with the Little Hocking Water Association and state regulators to address questions about the safety of PFOA. At the same time, the company remains confident that its operations are safe for the community and the environment. Since 1999, DuPont has reduced emissions of PFOA at its Washington Works facility near here by 98 percent.

As part of the settlement agreement reached with the citizens of Ohio and West Virginia located around the Washington Works Plant, and which includes the customers of the Little Hocking Water Association, DuPont is providing state-of-the-art treatment to remove PFOA from their water. Work is well underway with all six water districts, including the Little Hocking Water Association. Completion of these projects depends largely on the speed with which the water districts can confirm their approval of the facilities design, the time required to order the specified equipment, and construction. DuPont stands ready to accelerate implementation, and will work with any of the water authorities that desire to do so.

“The study’s findings reinforce actions we agreed to take as part of the court approved settlement, and we have placed a high priority on completing the installation of the water treatment systems,” said Bill Hopkins, Washington Works plant manager. “In February we committed to use the latest technology to remove PFOA from the water provided by the six area water associations, as well as private wells. As soon as we get the green light from the water districts, we will move forward quickly to install the water treatment systems.”

Based on existing scientific data, DuPont believes that PFOA exposure does not pose any health risk to the general public. To date no human health effects are known to be caused by PFOA even in workers who have significantly higher exposure levels than the general population.

DuPont is conducting a two-phase employee health study on PFOA at our Washington Works site located near Parkersburg, W.Va. Results from the first phase of this study for more than 1,000 workers indicate no association between exposure to PFOA and most of the health parameters that were measured. From the DuPont study, the only potentially relevant association is a modest increase in some, but not all, cholesterol fractions in some of the highest exposed workers. It is unclear if this association is caused by PFOA exposure or is related to some other variable. DuPont is consulting with medical and other scientific experts to design and conduct appropriate follow-up testing.

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