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**Statement from DuPont  
Response to: EPA Claim Regarding PFOA Information**

The information regarding the EPA claim was an analysis of PFOA in the blood of the 12 “named plaintiffs” in a class action lawsuit filed against the company in West Virginia. The blood tests were undertaken at DuPont’s request and were analyzed by Exygen Research, an independent laboratory. DuPont shared the results of these tests with attorneys for the test participants, who made them available to the EPA, and we welcome the EPA’s consideration of these findings.

DuPont does not agree with EPA that the blood monitoring data is reportable under the TSCA statute. The exposure levels reported in the 12 samples are below occupational exposure levels, where we have not observed any adverse health effects resulting from exposure to PFOA, and do not represent a health concern.

Regarding this additional complaint, we will contest their decision and defend our position. To be clear, our disagreement with the EPA on this issue is not in conflict with our commitment to share the findings of our research of PFOA with regulators, the industry and the public. Rather, we are seeking to clarify the formal manner in which such information is shared.

On November 2, the company met with EPA officials in the Office of Pollution Prevention & Toxics (OPPT) to discuss reporting information regarding PFOA and related chemicals of interest to the Agency. DuPont sought the meeting to clarify information that is of interest to the agency.

DuPont is cooperating fully with the Agency to provide any information of interest to EPA regarding PFOA and is committed to share details of all ongoing research on the compound.

The company will have a better understanding of occupational and community exposure following completion of DuPont’s Washington Works employee exposure and health study and a University of Pennsylvania community study sponsored by the National Institutes of Health. Both studies are expected to be completed early next year.