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### **DuPont Commits to Aggressive PFOA Emissions Reduction Program Announced by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 25, 2006 – DuPont today pledged its commitment to the 2010/15 PFOA Stewardship Program announced by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

“DuPont has been aggressively reducing PFOA emissions to the environment,” said DuPont Vice President Susan Stalnecker. “Having achieved a 94 percent reduction in global manufacturing emissions by year-end 2005, we are well on our way to meet the goals and objectives established by the EPA stewardship program.”

In a letter issued to DuPont today from EPA Administrator Stephen L. Johnson, he said, “DuPont and other proactive companies have been working with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to better understand the sources and pathways of exposure to perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and related chemicals. Considerable progress has been made by putting in place a comprehensive testing and research program that will fill in many of the critical information gaps that exist around our understanding of potential exposure and risks. The data from the research and testing programs will allow the Agency and others to make informed decisions about any related risk management actions that are warranted.”

Johnson said further: “Although our risk assessment activities are not complete and new data may change the current picture, to date EPA is not aware of any studies specifically relating current levels of PFOA exposure to human health effects.”

Also in a news briefing held today, Susan Hazen, Acting Administrator of the EPA Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances said, “I am pleased to say that DuPont has already responded to Administrator Johnson’s letter, and they have alerted us they are formally committed to the program. I would like to commend them for their leadership in moving to voluntarily reduce their emissions and uses of PFOA and I am hopeful that others will follow.”

Ms. Hazen also noted that EPA has consistently said there is no information that would indicate any concern with consumers continuing to use household products.

The company said the EPA program will accelerate industry-wide reduction of PFOA emissions to the environment, while ensuring continued availability of the many essential products serving critical industries such as telecommunications, aerospace, semiconductors, and fire fighting, as well as consumer products.

DuPont believes, with its science and technology, these goals can be accomplished while continuing to provide fluoropolymer and fluorotelomer products to our customers in the marketplace.

Key elements of the DuPont commitment to EPA include:

- Reducing global emissions from manufacturing facilities by 98 percent by 2007. This incorporates the substantial achievement of 94 percent reduction already realized through DuPont's ongoing reduction program;
- Establishing emission caps for U.S. facilities to limit the absolute number of pounds emitted;
- Implementing product caps for PFOA in fluoropolymer dispersions; and,
- Reducing PFOA content and any residual impurities in fluorotelomer products that could break down to PFOA.

DuPont has regularly kept the EPA informed of progress toward the company's commitments relative to employee health studies, research on consumer articles, the environmental fate of products made with or containing PFOA and new product formulations.

In addition, DuPont will work individually and with others in industry to inform EPA's regulatory counterparts in the European Union, Canada, China and Japan about activities and new information concerning PFOA. This work includes a discussion on the emission reductions from DuPont facilities as well as the reformulation of its fluoropolymer dispersion products. The company has developed new technology that can reduce PFOA content in fluoropolymer dispersions by more than 97 percent. DuPont has offered the technology to fluoropolymer manufacturers globally in a royalty-free exchange.

About fluoropolymers: fluoropolymers are used in architectural fabrics; chemical processing piping and vessels; automotive fuel systems; telecommunications and electronic wiring insulation; and computer chip processing equipment and systems – in addition to consumer products such as cookware and apparel. The aerospace, transportation and electronics industries rely on products manufactured using PFOA for purity, reliability and durability of many of their key systems.

About fluorotelomers: fluorotelomer derivatives are a family of compounds used as ingredients in making firefighting foams and coatings because of their unique properties. They also are intermediates, or building blocks, used to manufacture stain-, oil- and water-resistant additives for some textiles, paper, coatings and other surfaces.

DuPont is a science company. Founded in 1802, DuPont puts science to work by creating sustainable solutions essential to a better, safer, healthier life for people everywhere. Operating in more than 70 countries, DuPont offers a wide range of innovative products and services for markets including agriculture, nutrition, electronics, communications, safety and protection, home and construction, transportation and apparel.

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