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**RE: Comments on NIOSH's Request for Information: Announcement of Carcinogen and Recommended Exposure Limit (REL) Policy Assessment (Docket #NIOSH-240)**

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this significant worker health concern. The APHA Occupational Health and Safety Section is a 98 year-old institution established to promote healthful and safe workplaces. APHA has long standing policy on The Prevention of Occupational Cancer (#7415, 1/1/74). To that end, we believe that it is important that NIOSH revise its current cancer (carcinogen) and related Recommended Exposure Limits (REL) policies to ensure that they reflect current scientific and risk management practices. Updating these policies will give employers and workers current relevant information for managing worker exposures to potentially cancer causing agents in the workplace.

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