

medulla in male rats and mammary gland fibroadenomas and fibroadenomas or adenocarcinomas (combined) in female rats were related to codeine exposure.

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Copies of *Toxicology and Carcinogenesis Studies of Codeine (CAS No. 76-57-3) (TR-455)* are available without charge from Central Data Management, NIEHS, MD E1-02, P.O. Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709; telephone (919) 541-3419.

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**National Toxicology Program;  
Availability of Technical Report on  
Toxicology and Carcinogenesis  
Studies of 2,2-Bis(Bromomethyl)-1,3-  
Propanediol**

The HHS' National Toxicology Program announces the availability of the NTP Technical Report on the toxicology and carcinogenesis studies of 2,2-bis(bromomethyl)-1,3-propanediol which is used as a fire retardant in unsaturated polyester resins, in molded products, and in rigid polyurethane foam.

Toxicology and carcinogenicity studies were conducted by administering 2,2-bis(bromomethyl)-1,3-propanediol to groups of 60 F344/N rats of each sex in feed at exposures of 0, 2,500, 5,000, or 10,000 for 104 to 105 weeks. Nine or ten control animals and five to nine animals from each of the continuous-exposure groups were evaluated at 15 months. Additional male rats added for a "stop-study" received 0 or 20,000 ppm for 3 months, after which animals received undosed feed for the remainder of the 2-year study. Groups of 60 B6C3F<sub>1</sub> mice of each sex received 0, 312, 625, or 1,250 ppm in feed for 104 to 105 weeks. Eight to 10 animals were evaluated at 15 months.

Under the conditions of these 2-year feed studies, there was clear evidence of carcinogenic activity<sup>1</sup> of 2,2-

bis(bromomethyl)-1,3-propanediol (FR-1138®) in male F344/N rats based on increased incidences of neoplasms of the skin, subcutaneous tissue, mammary gland, Zymbal's gland, oral cavity, esophagus, forestomach, small and large intestines, mesothelium, urinary bladder, lung, thyroid gland, and seminal vesicle, and the increased incidence of mononuclear cell leukemia.

There was clear evidence of carcinogenic activity of 2,2-bis(bromomethyl)-1,3-propanediol in female F344/N rats based on increased incidences of neoplasms of the oral cavity, esophagus, mammary gland, and thyroid gland. There was clear evidence of carcinogenic activity of 2,2-bis(bromomethyl)-1,3-propanediol in male B6C3F<sub>1</sub> mice based on increased incidences of neoplasms of the harderian gland, lung, and kidney.

There was clear evidence of carcinogenic activity of 2,2-bis(bromomethyl)-1,3-propanediol in female B6C3F<sub>1</sub> mice based on increased incidences of neoplasms of the harderian gland, lung, and subcutaneous tissue. Slight increases in the incidences of neoplasms of the pancreas and kidney in male rats; forestomach in male mice; and forestomach mammary gland, and circulatory system in female mice may have also been related to treatment.

Exposure of male and female rats to 2,2-bis(bromomethyl)-1,3-propanediol was associated with alveolar/bronchiolar hyperplasia in the lung (males only); focal atrophy, papillary degeneration, transitional epithelial hyperplasia (pelvis), and papillary epithelial hyperplasia in the kidney; follicular cell hyperplasia in the thyroid gland (males only); hyperplasia in the seminal vesicle and pancreas (males only); mucosal hyperplasia in the forestomach (males only); and urinary bladder hyperplasia (males only). Exposure of mice to 2,2-bis(bromomethyl)-1,3-propanediol was associated with hyperplasia of the alveolar epithelium in females.

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**National Toxicology Program;  
Availability of Technical Report on  
Toxicology and Carcinogenesis  
Studies of Nickel Sulfate Hexahydrate**

The HHS' National Toxicology Program announces the availability of the NTP Technical Report on the toxicology and carcinogenesis studies of nickel sulfate hexahydrate which is used in nickel plating, as a mordant in dyeing and printing textiles, as a blackening agent for zinc and brass, and in the manufacture of organic nickel salts. This chemical was studied because of potential for exposure in nickel industries.

Toxicology and carcinogenicity studies were conducted by inhalation administration of nickel sulfate hexahydrate to groups of 63 to 65 female F344/N rats at concentrations of 0, 0.12, 0.25, or 0.5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (equivalent to 0, 0.03, 0.06, or 0.11 mg nickel/m<sup>3</sup>) and groups of 80 B6C3F<sub>1</sub> mice of each sex at concentrations of 0, 0.25, 0.5, or 1 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (equivalent to 0, 0.06, 0.11, or 0.22 mg nickel/m<sup>3</sup>) for 6 hours per day 5 days per week, for up to 104 weeks.

Under the conditions of these 2-year inhalation studies, there was no evidence of carcinogenic<sup>1</sup> activity of nickel sulfate hexahydrate in male or female F344/N rats exposed to 0.12, 0.25, or 0.5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (0.03, 0.06, or 0.11 mg nickel/m<sup>3</sup>). There was no evidence of carcinogenic activity of nickel sulfate hexahydrate in male or female B6C3F<sub>1</sub> mice exposed to 0.25, 0.5, or 1 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (0.06, 0.11, or 0.22 mg nickel/m<sup>3</sup>).

Exposure of rats to nickel sulfate hexahydrate by inhalation for 2 years resulted in increased incidences of chronic active inflammation, macrophage hyperplasia, alveolar proteinosis, and fibrosis of the lung; lymphoid hyperplasia of the bronchial lymph node; and atrophy of the olfactory epithelium. Exposure of mice to nickel sulfate hexahydrate by inhalation for 2 years resulted in increased incidences of chronic active inflammation, bronchialization (alveolar

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