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Court Upholds NTP Decision on Dioxin Classification

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The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia has rejected a lawsuit that seeks to overturn a May 2000 ruling by the National Toxicology Program (NTP; Research Triangle Park, NC), which for the first time classifies a primary dioxin compound as a “known human carcinogen.”

The ruling comes as environmental groups are urging EPA to finalize its health risk reassessment for dioxin. The reassessment, which ACC opposes, also lists dioxin as a known human carcinogen.

The lawsuit was brought by Jim Tozzi, an executive at the Center for Regulatory Effectiveness (Washington), which is a private consulting group for chemical and other industries. Tozzi was appealing a 2000 ruling by the U.S. District Court in Washington.