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Review of latest science on Deca-BDE confirms “no identified risk” outcome of EU Risk Assessment

An EU Member State Technical Committee met on 12 June to discuss the latest science available on the brominated flame retardant Deca-BDE. Based on the support of the majority of Member States, the Committee confirmed the conclusions of the EU Risk Assessment of Deca-BDE, concluded in 2004, and which did not identify any significant risks to the environment or human health that would require additional risk reduction measures beyond those already being applied.

With this review, over 1,000 scientific studies and reports have been considered in the framework of the EU Deca-BDE risk assessment and subsequent updates.

The industry remains committed to carrying out the various programs that are currently running following the closure of the EU Risk Assessment of Deca-BDE, including environmental monitoring and the industry's Voluntary Emissions Control Action Program (VECAP). A second Annual Progress Report¹, published early June 2007, gives some early indications of VECAP working with a fall in industrial emissions of Deca-BDE in the UK where the program was initiated in 2004.

¹ VECAP 2007 Annual Progress Report:
http://www.bsef.com/newsmanager/uploads/vecap_2007_annual_progress_report.pdf