ANNOUNCEMENT

ILSI Research Foundation Seeks Peer Consultation Panel Members

The ILSI Research Foundation is currently seeking nominations for members of a Peer Consultation Panel to evaluate data and make recommendations under the Fluorotelomer-Based Product Biodegradation Testing Supplemental Environmental Project (Biodegradation SEP) which E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Company (DuPont) has agreed to perform pursuant to the Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) entered into between DuPont and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The ILSI Research Foundation has been selected as Panel Administrator for this Project. The Panel will be charged with review and evaluation of data from analytical characterization and biodegradation studies and will provide input to EPA on an advisory basis. It is expected that the Panel will have three two-day meetings and several conference calls beginning in 2010, and will complete its work by October 2011.

Scientists with expertise in biodegradation testing, environmental fate of polymers, laboratory analysis and characterization of polymers, and fluorotelomer/fluoropolymer chemistry are sought as potential Panel members, as well as those with experience evaluating data from semicontinuous activated sludge (SCAS) and related studies. A detailed curriculum vitae and completed Conflicts of Interest Questionnaire must be submitted to <u>SEP_Panel@ilsi.org</u> by October 12, 2009 for each nominated Panel member. Self-nominations by qualified scientists are being accepted. For further information, including the Conflicts of Interest Questionnaire, see the ILSI Research Foundation Biodegradation SEP Panel Administrator website: <u>www.ilsi.org/ResearchFoundation</u>

The Panel Administrator will consider all nominations in developing a list of candidates for the Panel. To be considered for the qualified candidate list, scientists must have an advanced degree in an appropriate scientific discipline, recognized expertise in one of the above areas, and relevant publications in the peer reviewed literature. Public comment on the candidate list, once available, will be sought through EPA/OPPT Administrative Record 226.