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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: DEET: Evaluation of A Human Use and Exposure to Deet  
Study Proposal

Caswell No. 346  
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The registrant, The Chemical Specialties Manufacturers Association (CSMA), on behalf of the DEET Steering Committee/ Joint Venture, submitted a study protocol for human use and exposure to DEET. This reviewer has evaluated the proposed study which applies 3 means to generate data: (a) with a mail survey, the use of repellent containing DEET will be tracked by a diary, (b) in a usage study, consumers will be observed during application of repellents containing DEET", and the dosage will be quantified, and (c) the data generated with mail survey and usage studies will be validated with syndicated market data. With respect to toxicology, this reviewer has no comment about this proposed study; however, the validity of the proposed methodologies and the value of the study are deferred to the decisions made by the Non-Dietary Exposure Branch.