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## Appendix Q Summary of EPA's September, 1997 Outreach Questionnaire

Following the establishment of the Endocrine Disruptor Screening and Testing Advisory Committee (EDSTAC), the Communications and Outreach Work Group (COWG) developed a mailing list and an Outreach Questionnaire which was disseminated to over 1,500 addressees. This Questionnaire was created in an effort to obtain information regarding the public's interest in the EDSTAC and its activities during the Committee's tenure; as well as to assist in future outreach efforts conducted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA/the Agency). The information received in response to this Questionnaire will assist the Agency in determining the most effective way(s) to communicate with those individuals and organizations interested in the Endocrine Disruptors Screening and Testing Program that EPA will implement following the EDSTAC process.

EPA received a total of 142 responses to the Questionnaire from the targeted recipients (or 9.4%). A break-down of those respondents by their organizations (using categories as described in the Questionnaire with their additions in some cases) was as follows:

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| 21 with Advocacy Organizations                    | 4 with Law Firms  |
| 12 with Professional Organizations                | 5 with Trade Associations   |
| 2 with Environmental Justice Organizations        | 3 with Consulting Organizations   |
| 18 with Educational Organizations                 | 2 Medical Doctors   |
| 15 with Government Organizations                  | 1 Student   |
| 6 with For-Profit Organizations                   | 1 Zoological Organization (Zoo)   |
| 10 with Non-Profit Organizations                  | 1 "General Public" Individual   |
| 11 with Chemical/Pesticide Producer Organizations | 20 with Multiple Designations of:<br>Advocacy/Environmental<br>Justice/Educational/<br>Non-Profit Organizations |
| 3 with Chemical/Pesticide User Organizations      |   |
| 4 with Small Businesses                           |   |
| 4 with News Organizations                         |   |

### Summary of Responses:

1. All respondents were interested in receiving future information regarding the EDSTAC and its activities.

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2. Respondents were asked to select their top 3 choices indicating what types of materials they were interested in receiving regarding EDSTAC activities, and the best vehicles for receiving those materials. [Note: Some respondents made three choices; some made more than three; and, some made less than three choices.]

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- The types of materials most useful for respondents to receive regarding EDSTAC were as follows:

- 118 for Updates on the progress of the EDSTAC as a whole
- 72 for Updates on the progress of the EDSTAC working groups
- 103 for Fact Sheets on endocrine disruptors
- 42 for Resources to seek out additional information on endocrine disruptors
- 78 for Summary memos from the public EDSTAC meetings
- Other:
  - 1 wanted scientific summaries
  - 1 wanted minutes of meetings with copies of documents that were distributed
  - 1 wanted on-going and planned wildlife and human studies

The types of vehicles that would be best for respondents to receive information regarding EDSTAC activities were as follows:

- 52 wanted to receive information via the EDSTAC Web Site
- 3 wanted to receive information via the EPA Public Docket
- 91 wanted to receive information via E-Mail transmissions
- 3 wanted to receive information via an Electronic Bulletin Board
- 3 wanted to receive information via Speakers
- 58 wanted to receive information via Facsimile (fax) transmissions
- 115 wanted to receive information via the U.S. Mail
- 10 wanted to receive information via attendance at Public Plenary Meetings
- 9 wanted to receive information via existing EPA communication sources
- 21 wanted to receive information via Public conferences/workshops
- Other: 1 wanted to receive information at local meetings

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