

ACSH Disputes Claims that PFOA Is Harmful to Public

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A March 21, 2005 *Chemical News & Intelligence* article by Brian Ford summarizes [the new ACSH report](#) [1] on the Teflon-production chemical PFOA:

A review by scientists associated with the American Council on Science and Health (ACSH) has found "no likely risk to human health associated with the levels of PFOA (perfluorooctanoic acid) to which the general public is exposed," the ACSH said Monday.

The ACSH said the review "disputes the claims by some journalists, litigators, and environmentalists that people are at risk from PFOA in the environment."

DuPont and other fluoropolymer manufacturers said last week they have agreed to reduce the amount of PFOA in liquid products sold to other manufacturers.

The ACSH said that while very high doses of PFOA can cause harmful effects in laboratory animals, the typical human population -- including those in areas near factories that use PFOA -- is exposed to only very small amounts of the chemical, also known as C8.

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