

NATIONAL TOXICOLOGY PROGRAM
CENTER FOR THE EVALUATION OF RISKS TO HUMAN REPRODUCTION
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On April 13, 2007, the National Toxicology Program (NTP) terminated its contract with Sciences International, the company that provided administrative and logistical support to the NTP Center for the Evaluation of Risks to Human Reproduction (CERHR).

The Center conducts rigorous independent scientific evaluations to assess risk to human reproduction and development caused by environmental agents, such as bisphenol-A, a chemical currently under review by the CERHR.

The NTP will continue the CERHR review of bisphenol-A. However, the second meeting, scheduled for May 21-23, 2007, of the expert panel evaluating bisphenol-A will be rescheduled. During this time, the NTP invites public review and comment on the draft interim expert panel report on bisphenol-A, which is available today on the CERHR website at <http://cerhr.niehs.nih.gov/chemicals/bisphenol/bisphenol.html>.

The NTP wants to emphasize that the final expert panel report on the possible risks to human reproductive health of bisphenol-A will solely reflect the deliberations of the experts who serve on the review panel and their scientific assessment of the comprehensive body of research published to date on bisphenol-A.

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