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Comments on agenda item for NTP Board of Scientific Counselors meeting, June 16, 2015

Dear Dr. White:

The Council for Responsible Nutrition¹ (CRN) is the leading trade association that represents dietary supplement and functional food manufacturers as well as marketers and ingredient suppliers.

¹ The Council for Responsible Nutrition (CRN), founded in 1973 and based in Washington, D.C., is the leading trade association representing dietary supplement and functional food manufacturers, marketers and ingredient suppliers. CRN companies produce a large portion of the functional food ingredients and dietary supplements marketed in the United States and globally. Our member companies manufacture popular national brands as well as the store brands marketed by major supermarkets, drug stores and discount chains. These products also include those marketed through natural food stores and mainstream direct selling companies. CRN represents more than 150 companies that manufacture dietary ingredients, dietary supplements and/or functional foods, or supply services to those suppliers and manufacturers. Our member companies are expected to comply with a host of federal and state regulations governing dietary supplements and food in the areas of manufacturing, marketing, quality control and safety. Our supplier and manufacturer member companies also agree to adhere to additional voluntary guidelines as well as to CRN's Code of Ethics. Learn more about us at www.crnusa.org.

CRN submits these comments for consideration by the Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC) of the National Toxicology Program (NTP) in advance of its upcoming meeting scheduled on June 16, 2015. Specifically, we support the comments submitted by the American Herbal Products Association (AHPA) regarding the Preliminary Agenda item, “NTP Tools and Approaches for Enhancing Evaluation and Communication of Analysis Activities.” CRN agrees with AHPA’s recommendation for NTP to archive and post on its website the webcast and transcript for each public meeting of the BSC and its subcommittees and working groups. This communications approach, which was previously employed but discontinued by NTP, would increase transparency and provide a complete record of NTP’s public meetings.

CRN appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments to the BSC. Please do not hesitate to contact us for further discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

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