



# Independent Lubricant Manufacturers Association

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## *Via Electronic Mail and Overnight Delivery*

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### **Re: NTP's Trim® VX Technical Report**

Dear Dr. Xie:

The Independent Lubricant Manufacturers Association (“ILMA” or “Association”) requests a 60-day extension of time for public comment on the National Toxicology Program’s (“NTP”) draft Technical Report (“TR”) for Trim® VX. NTP’s November 23, 2015 *Federal Register* notice (80 Fed. Reg. 72979 (Nov. 23, 2015)) states that the draft TR for Trim® VX “should be available” to the public by January 5, 2016, and that written comments must be submitted to NTP by February 2, 2016. The TR is scheduled for peer review on February 16, 2016.

ILMA’s members, including the manufacturer of Trim® VX, make and sell more than 75 percent of the metalworking fluids used in the United States. ILMA actively participated in the public comment and peer review phases of NTP’s technical review of another metalworking fluid, Cimstar® 3800.

A transparent process for the draft TR for Trim® VX is essential. Assuming that the draft TR for Trim® VX is made available on January 5, 2016, ILMA, its members and other stakeholders would have only 28 days to digest the TR and develop meaningful, written comments. This comment period is too short. Even if NTP makes available the draft TR for Trim® VX over the next two weeks, a significant number of ILMA member companies shutdown their operations entirely for the Christmas/New Year holiday. In addition, ILMA expects that the Association and its members will be involved with analyzing and commenting on draft risk assessments the Environmental Protection Agency said it will publish for public comment later this month on two substances widely used as extreme-pressure additives in metalworking fluids.

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Additionally, ILMA requests that NTP make copies available of working group reports, meeting minutes, and any other additional information or data that was previously generated on Trim® VX. This will provide the public, including ILMA and its members, with an opportunity to further review and understand NTP's data and methodology to help develop comments.

ILMA respectfully requests that NTP grant its requests as set forth above.

Sincerely,  
[Redacted]

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