

# **The National Toxicology Program's Level of Evidence Rating System**

## *NTP Developmental Studies*

### **Clear evidence**

**Positive result:** The substance shows the ability to cause developmental toxicity, such as adverse effects on a developing fetus, in laboratory animals.

### **Some evidence**

**Positive result:** The substance shows the ability to cause developmental toxicity in laboratory animals, but the strength of the response is less than for clear evidence.

### **Equivocal evidence**

**Uncertain findings:** The substance may or may not have the ability to cause developmental toxicity in laboratory animals.

### **No evidence**

**Negative result:** The substance does not show the ability to cause developmental toxicity in laboratory animals.