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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Committee

FR: Samuel D. Chilcote, Jr. *SC*

Over the past year, committees of the National Academy of Sciences have examined environmental tobacco smoke and aircraft cabin air quality. Both reports were harmful.

I am pleased to report that yet a third NAS committee has spoken on the issue. "Policies and Procedures for Control of Indoor Air Quality," released by NAS' Committee on Indoor Air Quality, emphasizes the complex nature of indoor air quality and the importance of ventilation.

Environmental tobacco smoke is discussed in that context and, as such, receives little mention. On page 18, the report contrasts sharply with earlier NAS pronouncements by concluding, "Although no epidemiologic studies have specifically addressed risks to nonsmokers in the office environment, there is some evidence of an association between passive smoking and these diseases in other settings."

The committee's unemotional handling of this issue was due in part to the active involvement of James T. Golden of the Sheet Metal Workers International Union who repeatedly insisted on equal consideration of all aspects of indoor air quality. The Sheet Metal Workers are active members of the Tobacco Industry Labor Management Committee.

Copies of this report are being made available for immediate use in our lobbying and public affairs work and should be quite helpful in responding to the repeated references to NAS' earlier reports.

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cc: Senior Staff
ETS Advisory Committee

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