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***Polystyrene Foam Insulation Industry Urges EPA to Pursue Balanced Approach
in Chemical Risk Assessment of Flame Retardants***

Washington, DC; April 11, 2013 – The polystyrene foam insulation industry represented by the EPS Industry Alliance (EPS-IA) and the Extruded Polystyrene Foam Association (XPSA) released the following statement in response to EPA’s announcement that it will begin a risk assessment this year of 23 chemicals, with a specific focus on flame retardants, to evaluate their effects on health and the environment as part of the agency’s Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Work Plan:

“The polystyrene foam insulation industry looks forward to providing its knowledge and experience to assist the EPA in taking a balanced approach to its recently announced chemical risk assessment, which includes flame retardants.

When incorporated into foam insulation during production, flame retardants provide a critical level of fire safety that ensures the insulation meets fire performance requirements throughout its life cycle. Flame retardant chemicals employed by the polystyrene foam insulation industry have been successfully used for decades in a wide range of applications. We are encouraged that EPA already has deemed 50 flame retardant chemicals as “unlikely to pose a threat to human health” in an earlier screening and look forward to a balanced approach moving forward.”

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About EPS-IA

The EPS Industry Alliance represents the North American expanded polystyrene industry. Our members include resin suppliers, molders, recyclers, equipment suppliers and other aspects of the EPS value chain. Through collaborative engagement with industry, regulatory agencies and code bodies, we advance innovative EPS product solutions to contribute to a sustainable future.

About XPSA

The Extruded Polystyrene Foam Association (XPSA) is a trade association representing manufacturers of extruded polystyrene foam (XPS) insulation products and the industry's raw material suppliers. XPSA members collectively manufacture more than 95% of all XPS destined for use in the North American market. XPSA promotes the benefits that accrue to society from appropriate use of XPS foam insulation applications.