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## INFORMATION ON CARPET TOXICITY

This is some of the information available to and generated by Local 2050 of the National Federation of Federal Employees about carpet toxicity. Local 2050 represents the professional employees at headquarters, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Union has been active in assessing risks associated with carpet and in trying to influence EPA to protect the public from those risks.

The information package contains the following:

- \* A chronology of the Union's involvement in the issue.
- \* A copy of the petition filed by the Union with EPA asking for regulation and testing to protect the public from carpet risks. The petition explains how we believe certain carpet can cause toxic effects.
- \* A copy of material presented before the "Carpet Policy Dialogue" (see the chronology regarding the Dialogue)
- \* A summary of the results of EPA's study of employee health complaints following installation of carpet at headquarters.
- \* Information on EPA's policy not to use carpet containing 4-phenylcyclohexene in headquarters buildings.
- \* A copy of Congressional testimony of Dr. Rosalind Anderson on her ground-breaking research on the toxic effects of carpeting.
- \* A copy of the scientific paper co-authored by Union scientists on carpet/4-phenylcyclohexene toxicity.

For more information on carpet toxicity or on the situation at EPA Headquarters, as viewed by this Union, write or call: NFFE Local 2050, P.O. Box 76082, Washington DC 20013 --- 202-260-2383

Without the Union, we civil service professionals would not be able to provide this important information to you, and you would only receive the "official" point of view, i.e. that there is no information indicating any significant risk from carpet. Please remember us.

Sincerely,

*Bill Hirzy*

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President-Elect