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The Health Council of the Netherlands
Attn: Mr. S.R. Vink
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Dear Mr. Vink:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the draft report on *2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethanol* (*DEGME*) prepared by the Committee on the Classification of Substances Toxic to Reproduction, a subcommittee of the Dutch Expert Committee on Occupational Safety (DECOS). Comments are enclosed that were prepared by Clayton B'Hymer, Research Chemist, NIOSH/Division of Applied Research Technology, 1090 Tusculum Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45236.

If you have any questions regarding the comments, please contact me at 513-533-8260 (telephone) or by Email at tb17@cdc.gov.

Sincerely yours,

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1 Enclosure

**Comments on DECOS draft document on
2-(2-Methoxyethoxy)ethanol (DEGME)**

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SECTION & PARAGRAPH	COMMENT
General Comments	The Committee's recommendations are appropriate and the document is well written. The references used are fairly comprehensive for the compound and the major critical animal studies have been included. The supporting data has been presented in a concise and clear manner. The obvious limitations of the animal studies were discussed in the document. No errors were found.
Specific Comments	
Pg. 11, line 7	The manuscript describes further uses of 2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethanol as a gasoline additive. The sentence could be written more clearly. It is used as an additive in the jet fuel, JP-8, as an anti-icing agent. The authors should consider just noting it as an additive in aviation fuels (that would cover gasolines and jet fuels).