



Post ROC Statement from NASSCO Executive Director Ted DeBoda:

For now we do not see any immediate changes in the use of styrenated resins in Cured-in Place Pipe (CIPP). It is important to note that styrene has not been listed as a carcinogen or even a 'probable' carcinogen. The organizations involved in identifying substances as 'Reasonably Anticipated to be a Carcinogen' are extremely conservative, and by definition substances can be listed as such with "less than sufficient evidence of carcinogenicity in humans or laboratory animals", and with no potential exposure levels identified that would put people at risk above normal background exposure levels. The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) includes styrene with a long list of everyday substances that have been classified as "possibly carcinogenic to humans", which include electromagnetic fields from cell phones, talc-based body powder, and coffee.

To date, the use of styrenated resin in CIPP has not posed any documented health issues for workers or the public, and studies have proven that health risks from styrene exposure in the cured-in-place pipe industry are extremely low. NASSCO plans to support ongoing research on the effects of styrene in the workplace through the efforts of the Styrene Information and Research Center (SIRC) and the American Composites Manufacturers Association (ACMA) in efforts to overturn the ROC's premature decision to include styrene in its report."