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# INTRODUCTION

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The petroleum industry has long been interested in the health effects of benzene exposure. Indeed, much of the research into this topic has either been carried out by petroleum industry staff or sponsored by the industry. Over the years, the Institute of Petroleum (IP) in the UK has arranged a number of workshops on benzene health effects. The decision by Dr Brian Abbott and his colleagues at the IP to hold this workshop is most timely as a number of new epidemiological findings are in the process of being submitted for publication in the peer-reviewed medical literature. The presentations and the ensuing discussion will enable the researchers involved in these studies to compare and contrast the new findings and assist the industry in continuing to provide a safe working environment for its employees and appropriate instructions for the safe handling of its products.

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