

## **R026D**

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This Philip Morris press release is an attempt to discredit and neutralize the preliminary draft report on environmental tobacco smoke released by EPA on June 25, 1990. The tobacco industry as a whole was concerned because the EPA issued a policy guide regarding smoking in the workplace and other public places, which, if followed, would result in smoking bans.

Steve Parrish ( Vice President of Corporate Scientific Affairs for PM in 1990) criticizes the report for not following "...accepted standards for critical scientific analysis" as well as for a number of omissions and shortcomings he details. The tobacco industry concludes that it has not been proven that environmental tobacco smoke causes disease in nonsmokers. In fact, Parrish goes on to suggest that poor indoor air quality and even the presence of contaminated bacteria can cause physical illness.