



February 18, 2021

Subject: Detrex Benzene Statement

To whom it may concern,

Benzene is a natural constituent of crude oil and is one of the most elementary petrochemicals derived from crude oil stocks. It is considered an aromatic hydrocarbon.

Benzene contamination is a concern due to the potential carcinogenic nature of the benzene molecule. Outside of exposure to benzene in the workplace environment, individuals are primarily exposed to benzene from three sources; drinking water, cigarette smoke, and soft drinks. None of these products use hydrochloric acid in their manufacture.

Detrex Chemicals hydrochloric acid products are not produced from crude oil stocks. Benzene containing ingredients are not intentionally introduced into any of our manufacture, storage, or packaging processes.

Additionally, Detrex Chemicals uses highly sophisticated analytical equipment, such as ICP Mass Spectrometry, to routinely analyze the hydrochloric acid products we produce as an on-going verification that our products are free of residual aromatic hydrocarbons such as Benzene.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Morgan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "D".

Dave Morgan
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Detrex Chemicals