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## **EWG Report on Canned Food Adds Little to Debate over Food Safety**

Washington, D.C. (June 3, 2015) -- The North American Metal Packaging Alliance, Inc. (NAMPA) is disappointed, but not surprised, that the Environmental Working Group (EWG) has again released a report based on the false premise that current uses of bisphenol A (BPA) in food contact applications are not safe. In fact, recent assessments from both the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) have concluded the opposite.

“EWG’s report is a recycling of past errors and misleading statements from this group. It provides no new information on hazard or exposure,” said Dr. John Rost, NAMPA Chair. “As expected, EWG cherry picked studies to support its flawed perspective on BPA while ignoring the weight of scientific evidence supporting its safety in food contact applications.”

“This report is unfortunately similar to EWG’s past reports irresponsibly warning consumers against [vaccines](#) and sunscreen. The public would be better served to seek scientifically sound advice on this issue from the experts at [FDA](#), [Health Canada](#), and [EFSA](#),” continued Rost.

If EWG was interested in public health, it would have produced a report outlining the success of BPA and modern metal food packaging in the prevention of food poisoning and related illness. Each year, more than 3,000 people die and more than 40,000 are hospitalized from food borne illnesses, yet there has not been a reported incidence of food borne illness from the failure of industrial metal packaging in more than 35 years and trillions of cans.

Despite EWG touting it as a “game changer,” this report merely reinforces that many companies choose to use BPA-based liners because they have been deemed safe by global food authorities and provide the highest level of food protection.

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