



IASC Update

Help Us Build the Body of Science: Send IASC Studies for the Risk Assessment Literature Review

March 31, 2009 – The International Aloe Science Council (IASC) requests the assistance of the membership in compiling studies for the literature review begun by NSF International’s Toxicology Group. The literature review is the first step in the recently-announced member-funded risk assessment of aloe vera materials. If you have studies or other information that you feel are relevant to the biological activity and toxicology of aloe vera gel and juices, including company data, then please send them to Executive Director Devon Powell (dpowell@iasc.org):

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Especially useful will be clinical studies, in vitro studies, and any other data that will aid in determining safe use of aloe vera materials. Studies are only useful if it can be determined exactly what was tested, therefore studies where the study material is well described – including dose – are likely be of most use.

“The response from IASC members following recent news has been very encouraging,” said IASC Executive Director Devon Powell. “Clearly, this industry understands that IASC’s actions can only be as strong as the contributions and efforts of our members, and we look forward to receiving the studies we need to make the literature review portion of the risk assessment the best possible reflection of the current science on *Aloe vera*.”

More information on the risk assessment is available in the March 18, 2009 IASC Member Update, “IASC Board Authorizes Special Assessment to Finance *Aloe vera* Risk Assessment, Monograph Development,” and the [February 2009 issue of Inside Aloe Online](#). Additionally, members are always encouraged to contact Devon Powell with any questions or concerns.

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