

**PHILIP MORRIS-U.S.A. STATEMENT RESPONDING TO
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Dr. Victor De Noble was employed by Philip Morris from April 1980 to March 1984 as a research scientist in the Research and Development Department. Dr. De Noble conducted nicotine-related research and concluded that nicotine is a reinforcer in the class of nonaddictive chemical compounds such as saccharin, or water, and that he did not believe nicotine fit the accepted criteria for drug dependence. He also concluded that nicotine self-administration cannot be viewed as a form of drug "abuse" or as an "addiction."

Contrary to the suggestions that Dr. De Noble's research has been somehow withheld from the scientific community and public, we find dozens of publications authored by him, including five based on his nicotine-related research conducted while at Philip Morris.

At no time did Philip Morris seek an injunction, legal or otherwise, against the publication of any of Dr. De Noble's research. As with virtually all industries, publication of research done while an employee must be reviewed and approved prior to such publication. We are aware of one instance when Dr. De Noble failed to go through the Philip Morris manuscript review process and thus was told not to publish Philip Morris research until completing the process. An abstract based on that research was published.

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