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Scott Hefner
President
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Dear Mr. Hefner:

I am responding to a letter dated November 22, 1999, from Mr. Rudolph E. Gulstrand, then President of PMC Specialties Group, Inc., to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), regarding the High Production Volume (HPV) Challenge Program. I apologize for the lengthy delay in responding to your request. I have enclosed a copy of his letter for your information.

That letter requests that 2,6-dinitro-p-cresol (CAS No. 609-93-8) be removed from the HPV Chemical list as it no longer falls within the scope of the HPV Challenge Program. As you may know, EPA posted draft guidance on procedures for removing chemicals that are no longer HPV from the scope of the voluntary HPV Challenge Program on its ChemRTK website at www.epa.gov/chemrtk in March, 1999. Based on EPA's review of all the pertinent IUR data from 1998 and 2002, EPA has determined that 2,6-dinitro-p-cresol (CAS No. 609-93-8) **does meet** the "no longer HPV" criteria. The HPV Challenge Program Chemical List will be annotated by designating this chemical with a "5" to indicate that they are "no longer HPV."

We will post your letter, accompanied by our reply, on the ChemRTK website as soon as possible. Should you have any questions pertaining to this response, please contact Diane Sheridan at (202) 564-4770. If you have general questions concerning the HPV Challenge Program, please submit them through the ChemRTK website comment button or through the

TSCA Assistance Information Service (TSCA Hotline) at (202) 554-1404. The TSCA Hotline can also be reached via e-mail at tsc-hotline@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Wardner G. Penberthy
Acting Director
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cc: AR201

Enclosure