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Dear Dr. Johannsen:

Thank you for your letter dated February 17, 2003, 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.

Your letter states that Solutia is withdrawing its commitment to m-terphenyl (CAS No. 92-06-8) and p-terphenyl (CAS No. 92-94-4) since they are individual isomers of terphenyl (CAS No. 26140-60-3) and were erroneously reported in the 1994 Inventory Update Rule (IUR). Your letter also states that you are committed to terphenyl (CAS No. 26140-60-3) and requests that EPA correct its records to show that Solutia will no longer be sponsoring m-terphenyl and p-terphenyl.

A search of the records shows that, at this time, Solutia is no longer reporting the two isomers mentioned above to the IUR. Furthermore, these two isomers have been removed from the HPV Program Chemical List and there are no indications that Solutia is sponsoring them. The records also show that Solutia is sponsoring terphenyl (CAS No. 26140-60-3) and submitted a test plan to the Agency in August 2003. EPA has provided comments on that test plan.

We will post your letter, accompanied by our reply, on the Chemical Right-to-Know (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](mailto:tsc-hotline@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

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