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Dear Mr. Kordoski:

Thank you for your email dated April 1, 2003 to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding the EPA's High Production Volume (HPV) Challenge Program. We apologize for the delay in responding.

Your letter requests that 1,2,3,4-tetrachlorobenzene (CAS No. 634-66-2) and 1,2,4,5-tetrachlorobenzene (CAS No. 95-94-3) be removed from the HPV Challenge Program List.

As you know, EPA posted draft guidance on procedures for removing chemicals that are no longer HPV from the scope of the voluntary HPV Challenge Program on its Chemical Right-to-Know (ChemRTK) website (www.epa.gov/chemrtk) in March 1999. Based on EPA's review of all pertinent IUR data from 1998 and 2002, we have determined as follows:

1,2,4,5-tetrachlorobenzene (CAS No. 95-94-3) does not meet the no longer HPV criteria.

1,2,3,4-tetrachlorobenzene (CAS No. 634-66-2) does meet the no longer HPV criteria. The HPV Challenge Program Chemical List will be annotated with a "5" to indicate that it is 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,

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