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OFFICE OF CHEMICAL SAFETY AND
POLLUTION PREVENTION

Mr. Karluss Thomas
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Silicones Environmental, Health, and Safety Center
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Washington, D.C. 20002

Dear Mr. Thomas:

This letter is to inform Dow Silicones Corporation, Elkem Silicones USA Corporation, Evonik Corporation, Momentive Performance Materials, Shin-Etsu Silicones of America, Inc., and Wacker Chemical Corporation, through the American Chemistry Council's Silicones Environmental, Health, and Safety Center (SEHSC) that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), pursuant to 40 CFR 702.37(e)(6), is granting the manufacturer request for a TSCA section 6 risk evaluation of octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane (D4; CASRN: 556-67-2).

EPA received the final components of this request on March 19, 2020 and on April 8, 2020 verified that the request was facially complete in accordance with 40 CFR 702.37(e)(1). Pursuant to 40 CFR 702.37(e)(4), on June 17, 2020, 45-day public comment period was opened. EPA has reviewed the request and determined that it meets the applicable regulatory criteria and requirements laid out in 40 CFR 702.37(e)(6)(ii). Specifically, EPA assessed and confirmed that each circumstance identified in the request constitutes a condition of use under 40 CFR 702.33, and each condition of use warrants inclusion within the scope of the risk evaluation for D4. EPA has also concluded that the Agency has the information needed to conduct a risk evaluation on D4. Lastly, EPA has confirmed that all other criteria and requirements under 40 CFR 702.37 have been met. This letter notifies you of EPA's decision to grant the request. The Agency is also notifying the public of its decision at this time.

Please note that Dow Silicones Corporation, Elkem Silicones USA Corporation, Evonik Corporation, Momentive Performance Materials, Shin-Etsu Silicones of America, Inc., and Wacker Chemical Corporation, through the SEHSC, have 30 days to withdraw the request (within 30 days of receipt of this letter). If the request is not withdrawn, the initial payment for the risk evaluation of D4 is due within 30 days of receipt of this letter (per the Fees for the Administration of TSCA final rule, 40 CFR Parts 700, 720, 723, 725, 790, and 791). The final payment will be due 30 days after EPA publishes the final risk evaluation for D4. Please refer to the fees rule to determine how fees will be calculated for the risk evaluation of D4 (note that D4 is listed on the 2014 TSCA Work Plan).

If you have any questions about EPA's determination for your request, please contact Bethany Masten of my staff at 202-564-8803 or masten.bethany@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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