

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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Dear Mr. Sussman:

I am writing to confirm that on September 27, 2018, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) received your petition pursuant to section 21 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Your petition requests that EPA "promptly initiate rulemaking under section 8(a) of TSCA to add asbestos to the CDR rule."

Section 21 of TSCA provides that the Administrator shall either grant or deny a petition within 90-days after the date of filing (December 25, 2018, for your petition). Section 21 further provides that, if the Administrator grants the petition, the Administrator shall promptly commence an appropriate proceeding and that, if the Administrator denies the petition, the Administrator shall publish the reasons for such a denial in the Federal Register. Your petition is under review by the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), which is responsible for programs under TSCA.

If you have questions relating to the petition, please contact Tyler Lloyd of my staff by telephone at (202) 564-4016 or by email at lloyd.tyler@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Jeffery T. Morris

Director

Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics

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