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AND POLLUTION PREVENTION

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Re: Petitions Concerning Amendments to the TSCA Section 8 Chemical Data Reporting Partially Exempted Chemicals Lists at 40 CFR 711.6(b)(1) and 40 CFR 711.6(b)(2)

Dear Ms. Roberts:

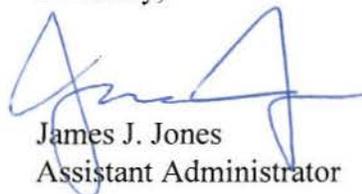
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is responding to two petitions that were filed by the Biobased and Renewable Products Advocacy Group (BRAG). The first was filed on October 21, 2014, under Section 21 of the Toxic Substances Control Act and asks the EPA "to initiate a rulemaking to amend the TSCA Section 8 Chemical Data Reporting (CDR) partially exempted chemical list set forth in the [EPA's] regulations at 40 C.F.R. Section 711.6(b)(1)." The second petition, filed on October 22, 2014, and amended by BRAG on November 5, 2014, asks the EPA "to amend the [CDR] partially exempted chemical list at 40 C.F.R. Section 711.6(b)(2)(iv)."

The EPA has reviewed the information submitted as part of both petitions. Based on this review and careful consideration of your specific requests, the EPA is granting your petition to initiate rulemaking under 40 C.F.R. Section 711.6(b)(2)(iv), and denying, as moot, your petition to initiate rulemaking under 40 C.F.R. Section 711.6(b)(1).

The reasons for the EPA's actions regarding both petitions are set out in the enclosed pre-publication copies of two notices that will be published in the Federal Register in a few days, announcing the EPA's decision.

You have the right to appeal the denial of the Section 21 petition by commencing a civil action in a U.S. district court to compel initiation of the requested rulemaking proceeding within 60 days of the date of this denial letter. If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact Wendy Cleland-Hamnett, Director of the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, at 202-564-3810.

Sincerely,



James J. Jones  
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Enclosures