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RE: TSCA Section 21 Petition Concerning the Safe Treatment, Storage and Disposal of Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC), Vinyl Chloride and Phthalate Plasticizers

Dear Ms. Andiman:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is responding to the petition that was filed by the Center for Biological Diversity on July 29, 2014, under section 21 of the Toxic Substances Control Act. The petition asks the EPA to “promulgate regulations governing the safe treatment, storage and disposal of polyvinyl chloride (“PVC”), vinyl chloride and associated dialkyl- and alkylarylesters of 1,2-benzenedicarboxylic acid, commonly known as phthalate plasticizers,” or to “adopt a rule under [TSCA §4] ... requiring manufacturers and processors responsible for the generation of these compounds to undertake additional toxicity testing.”

The EPA has reviewed the information submitted as part of the petition. Based on this review and careful consideration of your specific request, the EPA is denying the petition. The reasons for the EPA's denial are set out in the enclosed, pre-publication copy of a notice that will be published in the Federal Register in a few days announcing the EPA's decision. At this time, the EPA is only responding to the TSCA petition. The EPA continues to review the requests for action under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

You have the right to appeal this denial 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James J. Jones".

James J. Jones  
Assistant Administrator

Enclosure