



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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Ms. Kathleen M. Roberts
Executive Director
Biobased and Renewable Products Advocacy Group
2200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Suite 100W
Washington, DC 20037

Dear Ms. Roberts:

I am writing to confirm that on October 7, 2015, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) received your petition requesting that the EPA promulgate a rule pursuant to Section 8 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) establishing a process to amend the list of natural sources of oils and fats in the Soap and Detergent Association nomenclature system.

Your petition has been filed pursuant to Section 21 of TSCA and, as required under this section, the EPA will either grant or deny your petition within 90 days of the date we received your petition, or by January 4, 2016. If the EPA grants your petition, then the agency will promptly commence an appropriate proceeding. If the EPA denies your petition in whole or in part, then the agency will publish the reasons for denial in the Federal Register.

If you have any questions relating to your petition or the EPA's guidelines for Section 21 petitions, feel free to contact David Widawsky of my staff at (202) 566-2215 or Widawsky.David@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendy C. Hamnett".

Wendy Cleland-Hamnett
Director
Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics