

Mr. Karluss Thomas
American Chemistry Council
Silicones Environmental, Health, and Safety Center
700 2nd Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20002

Dear Mr. Thomas:

I am writing to confirm that, on March 19, 2020, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) received the final components of a request through the American Chemistry Council's Silicones Environmental, Health, and Safety Center (SEHSC) for EPA to conduct a Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) chemical risk evaluation of octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane (D4; CASRN: 556-67-2). Consistent with TSCA section 6(b)(4) and 40 CFR 702.37, EPA provides a process for manufacturers to request the Agency conduct risk evaluations on chemical substances. We appreciate your submission.

Your request for a risk evaluation of D4 has been determined to be facially complete, in accordance with 40 CFR 702.37(e)(1).

Within 15 business days of receipt of a facially complete submission, EPA will notify the public of receipt of the manufacturer request. This notification will include information submitted by the manufacturer that is not Confidential Business Information, including the condition(s) of use for which the evaluation is requested.

EPA will continue to assess whether the circumstances identified in your request constitute conditions of use under 40 CFR 702.33, and whether those conditions of use warrant inclusion within the scope of a risk evaluation for D4. EPA will also assess what, if any, additional conditions of use warrant inclusion within the scope of a risk evaluation for the chemical.

A public comment period will be opened on or before June 11, 2020 and will be no less than 45 calendar days to allow the public to submit comments and other information relevant to the requested risk evaluation. Comments may be submitted to and posted in a publicly available docket identified by docket identification number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2018-0443. Additional instructions on commenting or visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

Within 60 calendar days of the end of the public comment period, EPA will review the request, along with any additional information received during the comment period, to determine whether it meets applicable regulatory criteria and requirements. At the end of this 60-day period, EPA will notify you of its decision and the bases for granting or denying the request. The Agency will also notify the public of its decision at that time.

If you have any questions regarding your request, please feel free to contact Bethany Masten of my staff at masten.bethany@epa.gov or 202-564-8803.

Sincerely,

Yvette T. Collazo
Director
Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics

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