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Via Electronic Mail: Brendan_Mascarenhas@americanchemistry.com

Dear Mr. Mascarenhas:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) received five petitions for administrative reconsideration of the final rule, "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Miscellaneous Organic Chemical Manufacturing Residual Risk and Technology Review" (85 FR 49084, August 12, 2020), which were submitted pursuant to section 307(d)(7)(B) of the Clean Air Act (CAA).

One petition was submitted by Earthjustice on behalf of RISE St. James, Louisiana Bucket Brigade, Louisiana Environmental Action Network, Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services (t.e.j.a.s.), Air Alliance Houston, Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition, Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League, Inc., Environmental Justice Health Alliance for Chemical Policy Reform, Sierra Club, Environmental Integrity Project, and Union of Concerned Scientists. Four additional petitions were submitted by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), Huntsman Petrochemical, LLC, and the American Chemistry Council (submitted two petitions).

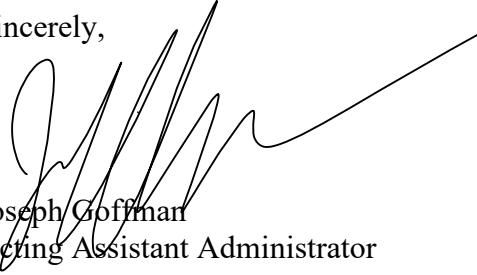
Pursuant to CAA section 307(d)(7)(B), the Agency will grant reconsideration on the following aspects of the final rule to provide an additional opportunity for public comment: (1) the use of EPA's Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) value for ethylene oxide in assessing cancer risk for the source category; and (2) the use of the TCEQ risk value for ethylene oxide as an alternative risk value to EPA's IRIS value. Reconsideration is being granted on this topic on the basis that the TCEQ risk value for ethylene oxide was finalized after the comment period closed and because the risk posed by ethylene oxide is of central relevance to EPA's determination that risks from sources in the Miscellaneous Organic Chemical Manufacturing source category are unacceptable and that more stringent standards are required.

We intend to issue a *Federal Register* notice initiating public review and comment on the issues listed above. We are continuing to review all issues raised in the petitions for reconsideration and may choose to initiate reconsideration of additional issues in the future.

If you have any questions regarding the reconsideration process, please contact Ms. Tegan Lavoie at (919) 541-5110.

Thank you for your continued interest in this rule. I appreciate the opportunity to be of service and trust the information provided is helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Goffman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joseph Goffman
Acting Assistant Administrator