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Re: TSCA Section 8(e)

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Dear Sir/Madam:

[ ] submits this letter pursuant to Section 8(e) of the Toxic Substances Control Act. On May 17, 1996, [ ] received preliminary information suggesting that a chemist in the Research and Development Laboratory suffered an adverse reaction as a possible result of exposure to tetramethyl biphenol (TMBP), CAS No. 2417-04-1; 2,6-xylenol (CAS No. 576-26-1); or some other chemical component or substance present at the research facility. The employee stated that he was exposed to unknown concentrations of these chemicals for several months prior to November 1995 during experimentation on TMBP. At that time, he experienced hair loss, diagnosed as alopecia areata. Following re-exposure, during scale-up operations in April, 1996, the employee reported that he developed facial irritation and additional hair loss.

At this time, [ ] does not have sufficient information to determine whether the symptoms reported by the chemist are attributable to an occupational exposure to chemicals related to the production of TMBP. The Company proposes to engage a physician specializing in occupational medicine to further investigate this matter. We will provide EPA with the results of this further review.

Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions or require additional information regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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