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Dear Sir or Madam:

The following information is submitted under TSCA 8(e):

CAS NO. 108-31-6

The initial results of sensitization studies were reported for three substances: maleic anhydride, [], and []

[] sponsored by []. All three substances tested positive for sensitization in standard guinea pig assays. In addition, animals that responded positive to [] also responded positive to the near dry

crumb of a nitrile polymer containing this material. These studies were conducted in part because of a TSCA 8(c) allegation made by one employee who experienced dermatitis when working in an area where these chemicals were in use. As part of the evaluation to determine the cause of the employee's dermatitis skin patch testing was conducted by a dermatologist at the Cleveland Clinic which showed this employee to be allergic to these substances. Final laboratory study reports will be submitted when they are available.

The following person should be contacted if you have any questions.

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Sincerely,
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