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Dear Sir/Madam:

Elf Atochem North America, Inc. (Elf Atochem) has received preliminary results of three toxicology studies in rats and is submitting the results of these studies to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) pursuant to Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Section 8(e). The three studies, all entitled *A Study to Evaluate Early Embryonic Development in Rats*, provide information on t-butylaminoethanol (CASRN 4620-70-6), n-propylaminoethanol (CASRN 16369-21-4) and diethylaminoethanol (CASRN 100-37-8). The reports for these studies have not been finalized at this time. These studies do not involve effects in humans.

Nothing in this letter is considered confidential business information of Elf Atochem.

The results of these screening studies showed the three test materials to be toxic to the embryo at levels below those producing observable evidence of toxicity to the dams.

The results of these screening studies will be incorporated into the Elf Atochem Material Safety Data Sheets for the materials. The current Material Safety Data Sheets already recommend hygienic practices which include not getting these materials in eyes, on skin or on clothing due to their corrosive nature towards the skin and eye. In addition, labels recommend that precautions include use only with adequate ventilation, to not get in eyes, on skin or on clothing, and washing thoroughly after handling.

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Copies of the final reports will be forwarded to the Agency when available.

Further questions regarding this submission may be directed to me at (215) 419-5890.

Sincerely,

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