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700 2nd Street NE
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RE: Response to Petition to Remove Silicone Substances D5, D6, and L3 from Maine's List of Chemicals of Concern

Dear Mr. Thomas,

This letter is in response to a petition submitted on behalf of the Silicones Environmental, Health, and Safety Center (SEHSC) of the American Chemistry Council, dated January 17, 2017, which requests that the Maine Department of Environmental Protection ("Department") remove Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane (D5), Dodecamethylcyclohexasiloxane (D6), and Octamethyltrisiloxane (L3) from Maine's list of Chemicals of Concern, in accordance with the procedure set forth in Maine statute (Toxic Chemicals In Children's Products, 38 MRS § 1693(3)).

The Department and the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention have undertaken a thoughtful review of the SEHSC's request and conclude that Dodecamethylcyclohexasiloxane (D6), and Octamethyltrisiloxane (L3) may be removed from Maine's Chemicals of Concern list because they no longer meet the criteria associated with this listing.

However, Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane (D5) will remain listed on Maine's Chemicals of Concern as the criteria for this designation is met based on the finding by the European Union's Chemical Agency that D5 meets the criteria for very persistent and very bioaccumulative.

If you find there are remaining questions relative to this determination please do not hesitate to contact our Safer Chemicals Program Manager, Kerri Malinowski, at 207-215-1894.

Sincerely,

Paul Mercer
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