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RE: Response to EPA and Other Comments on the Olefins Panel Test Plan for Fuel Oils Category, HPV Registration No.

Dear Dr. Hernandez:

On December 18, 2001, the American Chemistry Council Olefins Panel (Panel) submitted a Test Plan on the Fuel Oils Category under the HPV Chemical Challenge Program. In a letter dated August 21, 2002, you raised several questions about the Panel's test plan. Subsequently, several Panel scientists met with members of your staff to discuss the issues raised in your letter. The Panel is submitting the attached Revised Test Plan, which we believe improves the presentation and clarity of the Test Plan consistent with EPA's comments. In addition, we are submitting Robust Summaries which have been revised to address your comments. In preparing these revised documents, the Panel also reviewed and considered comments filed by Environmental Defense and Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine.

The Panel believes that this letter and the revised Test Plan and Robust Summaries address the issues raised in your letter. However, if you have additional questions, please contact me at 301 924 2006 or Elizabeth.Moran@americanchemistry.com.

Yours truly,

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Attachments

cc: Marianne Horinko, Acting Administrator
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