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Re: Docket Number 2004P-0349/CP1

Dear Dr. King:

I am writing to inform you that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has not yet completed its response to the issues raised in your citizen petition submitted on July 30, 2004, and filed with the Division of Dockets Management on August 4, 2004. In your petition, you raise safety issues related to the administration of FDA-regulated products that contain Thimerosal or other mercury-based compounds, and ask that FDA take a variety of actions to address these issues.

At this time, we are continuing to work on our response to your petition. Because of the numerous requests and complex issues raised, we have not been able to complete our final response at this time. This interim response is provided in accordance with FDA regulations on citizen petitions (21 *Code of Federal Regulations* 10.30(e)(2)). We will respond to your petition as soon as we have reached a decision on your requests.

Sincerely yours,



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