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College Park, MD 20740

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Donald L. Hassig
Director
Cancer Action NY
531 CR 28
Ogdensburg, New York 13669

Re: Docket No. 2004P-0008/CP1

Dear Mr. Hassig:

This is in response to the citizen petition you filed on behalf of Cancer Action NY, requesting that the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issue three rules that would serve to further protect the American public from exposure to certain persistent organic pollutants including polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins (PCDDs), polychlorinated dibenzofurans (PCDFs) and dioxin-like polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).

The purpose of this letter is to advise you, in accordance with 21 CFR 10.30(e)(2)(iii), that we have not reached a decision on your petition within the first 180 days of filing. We assure you that the FDA is committed to addressing issues concerning the reduction of PCDDs, PCDFs and dioxin-like PCBs in food and animal feed consistent with resource availability and our developing program priorities.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely yours,

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