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Re: Docket No. 99P-2408

Dear Dr. Jacobson:

This letter is in response to the citizen petition you submitted dated July 19, 1999, which requests the prohibition of the use of potassium bromate as a food ingredient in bread and other baked goods.

The purpose of this response is to advise you, in accordance with 21 CFR 10.30(e), that we have been unable to reach a decision on your petition within 180 days of the filing of the petition because of the limited availability of resources and other agency priorities. As you may be aware, however, we do intend to continue to make progress on the issue of bromate as signified by its presence on the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition Program Priorities for FY-2000.

Sincerely yours,

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