

RE: Aspartame Docket Number 02P-0317

The National Parkinson Foundation (NPF) states that there is no evidence indicating that aspartame is linked to Parkinson's disease (PD) or multiple sclerosis (MS) and that:

“There is no scientific evidence that aspartame causes or aggravates MS or PD. The cause of MS and PD are unknown, and both disorders existed before aspartame was invented.”

The NPF is the largest organization serving persons affected by Parkinson disease throughout the world. The Foundation supports research for a cure and programs dedicated to improving care and quality of life. NPF provides information, support, and education for persons with Parkinson, their families, and health care professionals.

In addition, the NPF web site notes, “Aspartame has been approved as safe for human consumption by the United States Food and Drug Administration, by regulatory authorities in over 90 countries.”

For more information regarding the National Parkinson Foundation and their assessment of the safety of aspartame, please visit:

<http://www.parkinson.org/site/apps/s/content.asp?c=9dJFJLPwB&b=108269&ct=89681>.

For your convenience and reference this information has also been attached in PDF form.

Respectfully submitted,

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