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Re: Calcium Health Claim Petitions

Dear Dr. Ellwood:

Our client, Petitioner Marine Bio USA, Inc., has chosen to seek FDA review, under the qualified claims process, of the five health claim petitions (containing a total of 26 proposed health claims) concerning calcium and its relationship to various diseases. We understand that with the switch to the qualified claims process FDA is proceeding as if 45 days have passed since the receipt of the petitions, leaving 225 days remaining for the agency to complete its review and issue a decision. As per your discussion with Ms. Lewis-Eng of our office, we understand the petitions will be posted on the agency's website for public comment within the next two weeks.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Marine Bio USA Inc.

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