



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration
Rockville MD 20857

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Arent Fox Kintner Plotkin & Kahn
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and
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Dear Mr Matelski & Mr Schweitzer:

Your petition, submitted on behalf of the Compressed Gas Association and National Welding Supply Association, requesting the Food and Drug Administration to stay the presenting, conducting, publishing or promulgating "Fresh Air" speeches in any form was received by this office on 07/14/00. It was assigned docket number 00P-1406/PSA 1 and it was filed on 07/14/00. Please refer to this docket number in future correspondence on this subject with the Agency.

Please note that the acceptance of the petition for filing is a procedural matter in that it in no way reflects an agency decision on the substantive merits of the petition.

Sincerely,

Jennie C. Butler
Dockets Management Branch

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