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Re: Docket No. 2006P-<sup>03</sup>1079/CP1

Dear Dr. Michaels:

This letter is in response to the citizen petition you submitted that was filed on September 12, 2006, which requests the Food and Drug Administration to cancel the generally recognized as safe (GRAS) designation of diacetyl, affirmed in 21 CFR 184.1278, until testing is completed.

The purpose of this response is to advise you, in accordance with 21 CFR 10.30(e), that we have not reached 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.

Sincerely yours,

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