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OFFICE OF CHEMICAL SAFETY
AND POLLUTION PREVENTION

J. William Hirzy, Ph.D.
506 E Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

Re: TSCA Section 21 Petition Concerning Use of Hydrofluorosilicic Acid (HFSA) in Drinking Water as a Fluoridation Agent

Dear Dr. Hirzy:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is responding to the petition concerning the use of hydrofluorosilicic acid (HFSA) in drinking water as a fluoridation agent that you and other petitioners filed under section 21 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) on May 9, 2013.

EPA has reviewed the information submitted as part of the petition. Based on this review and careful consideration of your specific request, EPA is denying the petition. The reasons for EPA's denial are set out in the enclosed, pre-publication copy of the notice, which will be published in the *Federal Register* in a few days announcing EPA's decision.

You have the right to appeal this denial by commencing a civil action in a U.S. district court to compel initiation of the requested rulemaking proceeding within 60 days of the date of this denial letter. If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact Wendy Cleland-Hamnett, Director of the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, at 202-564-3810.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James J. Jones".

James J. Jones
Assistant Administrator

Enclosure