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Re: HPV Challenge Program - Submission of ExxonMobil Chemical Company Test Plan and Dossier for sec Butyl Ether (CAS #6863-58-7) under the HPV Challenge Program (ExxonMobil Chemical Company Registration Number _____ for HPV Challenge Program)

Dear Mr. Johnson:

ExxonMobil Chemical Company (EMCC) is strongly committed to the chemical industry's Responsible Care® program and takes seriously its commitment to the responsible manufacture, testing, and safe use of its products. As further evidence of this commitment, EMCC agreed to develop study summaries and hazard testing plans for over 130 chemicals under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and International Council of Chemical Associations' High Production Volume (HPV) programs.

By copy of this letter, EMCC reaffirms its commitment to providing select data that can be used to characterize the hazard of sec-butyl ether (sBE; CAS #6863-58-7) under the HPV Program. Enclosed is the test plan and dossier for sBE, together with dossiers for diisopropyl ether (CAS #108-20-3) and sec-butyl alcohol (CAS #78-92-2). Following a review of the data for sBE, analogs, and potential metabolites, it was determined that sufficient data are available to characterize all endpoints under the U.S. EPA HPV Program.

Please contact me if you require any further information on the status of EMCC commitments to the U.S. HPV Program.

Sincerely,

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