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Faye Graul Executive Director Halogenated Solvents Industry Alliance, Inc. 3033 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 700 Arlington, VA 22201

Dear Ms. Graul:

Thank you for your submittal of the Request for Reconsideration (RFR#16001A), received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on May 26, 2017, appealing the response the Agency provided to your Request for Correction (RFC #16001) on November 4, 2016. In the RFR, the Halogenated Solvents Industry Alliance, Inc. (HSIA) again requests corrections to information disseminated by the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) for the TSCA Work Plan for Chemical Assessment for Trichloroethylene (TCE); Degreasing, Spot Cleaning and Arts & Craft Uses (June 2014) (#740-R1-4002).\*

Pursuant to the EPA's Information Quality Guidelines (IQG), when EPA has provided a structured opportunity for public comment on information in a draft or proposed document, EPA generally expects to treat requests for correction/reconsideration procedurally like other public comments, addressing them in the response to comments rather than through a separate response mechanism. EPA believes that the thorough consideration provided by the public comment process serves the purpose of the IQGs, provides an opportunity for correction of any information that does not comply with the Guidelines and does not duplicate or interfere with the orderly conduct of the action. (Ref: <a href="http://epa.gov/quality/informationguidelines/index.html">http://epa.gov/quality/informationguidelines/index.html</a>; Section 8.5). Therefore, EPA will not consider a request for correction/reconsideration that has already been submitted in the EPA docket during the comment period of rulemaking or other action. The detailed comments that HSIA provided in this RFR (#16001A) are identical to the comments that were submitted to the dockets for the proposed TSCA section 6(a) rules.

In accordance with the IQGs, EPA declines your appeal for reconsideration under the IQG administrative process. Your comments are already included in the public comments being assembled and considered as part of our rulemaking process underway for the chemical assessment for Trichloroethylene (TCE).

<sup>\*</sup> https://www.epa.gov/assessing-and-managing-chemicals-under-tsca/tsca-work-plan-chemical-risk-assessment.

Thank you for your attention to the quality of information that EPA produces and disseminates. Should you have questions or need additional information about EPA's IQG process, you may contact us at Information Quality Guidelines Processing Staff, Mail Code 2821T, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460 or via email at quality@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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