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OFFICE OF CHEMICAL SAFTEY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION

RE: Chemical Use Outreach Follow Up Meeting with Occidental Chemical Corporation,

American Chemistry Council (ACC) and EPA to discuss Asbestos as one of the First 10

Chemicals

Meeting Summary

On September 6, 2017, divisions of the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) met with Occidental and ACC to further discuss the use of asbestos as one of the first 10 chemicals being evaluated under the amended Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). The meeting was attended by technical, legal, and executive representatives from Occidental Chemical and ACC. At the meeting, EPA provided an update on the risk evaluation process as well as the asbestos problem formulation timeline. Occidental provided additional elaboration on the written responses submitted to EPA regarding the asbestos diaphragm use processes, safety controls, and disposal of asbestos at individual company plants.



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RE: Chemical Use Outreach Follow Up Meeting with Olin Corporation, American Chemistry Council (ACC) and EPA to discuss Asbestos as one of the First 10 Chemicals

Meeting Summary

On September 14, 2017, divisions of the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) met with Olin Corporation and ACC to further discuss the use of asbestos as one of the first 10 chemicals being evaluated under the amended Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). The meeting was attended by technical, legal, and executive representatives from Olin and ACC. At the meeting, EPA provided an update on the risk evaluation process as well as the problem formulation timeline. Olin provided additional elaboration on the written responses submitted to EPA regarding the asbestos diaphragm use processes, safety controls, and disposal of asbestos at individual company plants.



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RE: Chemical Use Outreach Meeting Between EPA and Environment and Climate Change Canada to Discuss Asbestos as one of the First 10 Chemicals under Amended TSCA

Meeting Summary

On September 20, 2017, divisions of the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) met with Environment and Climate Change Canada's Environmental Protection Branch to further discuss the ongoing use of asbestos as it pertains to being one of the first 10 chemicals being evaluated under the amended Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). At the meeting, EPA provided an update on the risk evaluation process as well as the problem formulation timeline. Environment and Climate Change Canada staff provided an update on their schedule to pursue a ban of certain asbestos uses in Canada by the end of 2018 and related ongoing asbestos information gathering activities. Both parties agreed to share information and provide each other regular updates.



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RE: Teleconference with American Friction and EPA to discuss Asbestos as one of the First 10 Chemicals

Meeting Summary

On October 20, 2017, staff for the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) had a teleconference with a representative of American Friction to further discuss the use of asbestos as one of the first 10 chemicals being evaluated under the amended Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). During the teleconference, EPA provided an update on the risk evaluation process as well as the problem formulation timeline. American Friction provided basic information to EPA regarding their import and sale of asbestos brake blocks for use in oilfield equipment. EPA requested that American Friction reach out to their customers and ask if they would be willing to meet with EPA regarding their use of asbestos brake blocks for use in oilfield equipment.



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RE: Chemical Use Outreach Meeting with Chemours, Branham Corporation, the American Chemistry Council (ACC) and EPA to discuss Asbestos as one of the First 10 Chemicals

Meeting Summary

On October 30, 2017, divisions of the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) met with Chemours, Branham Corporation, and ACC to further discuss the use of asbestos as one of the first 10 chemicals being evaluated under the amended Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). The meeting was attended by technical and executive representatives from Chemours, Branham Corporation and ACC. At the meeting, EPA provided an update on the risk evaluation process as well as the problem formulation timeline. Chemours and their gasket supplier, Branham Corporation, provided additional information to EPA regarding Chemours' use of asbestos gaskets in the manufacture of titanium dioxide, the safety controls used with the asbestos gaskets and their disposal method for asbestos gaskets at individual company plants.



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RE: Chemical Use Outreach Teleconference Between EPA and USGS to Discuss Asbestos as one of the First 10 Chemicals under Amended TSCA

Meeting Summary

In October 2017, staff from the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) consulted with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to further discuss the ongoing use of asbestos as it pertains to being one of the first 10 chemicals being evaluated under the amended Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). During the call, EPA provided USGS staff with an update on the risk evaluation process. USGS provided clarifications on the USGS Mineral Commodity Summaries and Mineral Yearbook for asbestos including the source of the information for those publications. Both parties agreed to share information on asbestos use as it becomes available.