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DELISTING PETITION FOR INCINERATOR ASH

OFFICE OF SOLID WASTE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Mr. Ramon Marrero, P.E.  
Environmental Engineer  
Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
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Barceloneta, PR 00617

Dear Mr. Marrero:

This letter concerns delisting petition No. 0801 submitted by Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, Inc. for the exclusion of ash generated from the incineration of F002, F003, and F005 process wastes at its Barceloneta, Puerto Rico facility. Six months have passed since our November 20, 1990 letter requesting additional information was sent out to you, and we have not yet received the information requested in that letter.

On May 7, 1991, we met with you and your contractor (ERM) to discuss the deficiencies in your petition and the information required for a complete petition. At this meeting you indicated that, in the future, Pfizer plans to incinerate several new non-liquid waste streams, as well as the liquid wastes currently incinerated. Furthermore, you raised the prospect of upgrading the incinerator in order to burn the new wastes. We discussed several options for gathering sufficient data to support a delisting. Moreover, you and your contractor suggested that you needed to consider the options further before deciding whether to pursue the existing petition, or withdraw and resubmit a new petition in the future. As a result of this meeting, as well as several follow-up telephone conversations with ERM and other Pfizer representatives, we expected Pfizer to either withdraw its petition, or attempt to provide sufficient information to support the existing petition. However, we have received neither a withdrawal, nor any further information.

As indicated in our November 20 letter, the Agency published in the Federal Register its policy to dismiss petitions that are either seriously deficient upon receipt or still incomplete six months after an Agency request for additional information (53 FR 6822; March 3, 1988). This policy was developed to facilitate processing of complete petitions by avoiding burdensome, iterative requests for needed information. In accordance with

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this policy, I am writing to inform you that we have dismissed

your petition from the delisting petition review process since you have not responded to our information request within the specified six months. The effect of this dismissal is to close your petition file (No. 0801). Please note that your petitioned waste is considered hazardous and must be still managed as such.

If you choose to submit a new petition in the future, you should provide the information outlined in our November 20, 1990 information request letter. Any new petition would be assigned a new petition number and reviewed in chronological order along with all new petitions. Please forward any new submittal to the following address:

Mr. Jim Kent  
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Solid Waste (Mail Code OS-333)  
401 M Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20460

If you have further questions regarding the dismissal of your petition or require any information on hazardous waste delisting, please feel free to contact Chichang Chen of my staff at (202)382-7392.

Sincerely,

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