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Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, US EPA
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RE: TSCA 8(e) Substantial Risk Notice on [fluorinated surfactant salt]

To Whom It May Concern:

3M recently received interim data from a five-day repeat dose oral toxicity screening study in rats performed on an experimental chemical, [fluorinated surfactant salt]. In this study six of six female rats treated with 288 mg/kg/day of the chemical died after four to five doses while no mortality was observed in male rats in the same dose group following five consecutive daily doses.

This study is on-going at Charles River Laboratories. The final report will be forwarded to the EPA upon receipt.

For reference, 3M has submitted data from an oral (gavage) developmental toxicity screening study in rats conducted on the same chemical. The docket number for that submission is 8EHQ-07-16721.

Please contact Deanna Luebker at 651-737-1374 if you have any questions or if we can provide additional information.

Sincerely,

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