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OFFICE OF CHEMICAL SAFETY
AND POLLUTION PREVENTION

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Amended Corrective Action Plan for Final Report No. 20-P-0203 (EPA’s Safer Choice Program Would Benefit from Formal Goals and Additional Oversight)

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The Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP) has reviewed the Office of the Inspector General’s (OIG’s) June 30, 2020 Final Report entitled “EPA’s Safer Choice Program Would Benefit from Formal Goals and Additional Oversight,” and with this memo amends our proposed Corrective Action Plan for Recommendations 1 and 2. OCSPP believes this amended Corrective Action Plan will address these two Unresolved Recommendations in the Report, and will address all other issues raised by the OIG in our subsequent productive discussions during the Audit Dispute Resolution Process.

Amended Response to Recommendation 1:

Recommendation 1: Develop goals and performance measures that capture the impacts of the Safer Choice program.

- **Amended Corrective Action 1a and 1b:** OCSPP will implement the following performance measures according to the timeline below:
 - a) Beginning in FY2021:
 - ✓ Number of Products Certified by the Safer Choice Program
 - ✓ Number of chemicals added to the Safer Chemical Ingredients List (SCIL) Program
 - ✓ Timeliness of EPA reviews of Safer Choice products
 - b) Beginning in FY2022 (collection of volume data by Safer Choice partner companies to commence in FY2021):
 - ✓ Total volume of Safer Choice-marketed products
 - ✓ Total volume of Safer Choice-marketed products, by category
 - ✓ Reformulations Ultimately Qualifying for the Safer Choice Label
- **Target Completion Dates:**
 - Corrective Action 1a:** January 31, 2021
 - Corrective Action 1b:** January 31, 2022

Recommendation 2: Publish or otherwise notify Congress and the public of the goals and performance measures for the EPA Safer Choice program, as well as the annual results of the program.

- **Amended Corrective Action 2:** Goals, Performance Measures and other information on the results of the Safer Choice Program (Reformulations and Product Categories) described above will be published annually on the Safer Choice Website. Prior year information will be retained to enable year-to-year comparison. The information will be posted in January 2021 for calendar year 2020 and will be updated on an annual basis thereafter.
- **Target Completion Date: January 31, 2021.**

If you have questions or concerns regarding this response or the proposed Corrective Action Plan, please contact the OCSPP Audit Liaison, Janet Weiner at (202) 564-2309.

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