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Dear Interested Party:

Attached please find an electronic copy of the final Significant New Use Rule (SNUR) on 75 perfluoroalkyl sulfonate (PFAS) chemicals, which published in the *Federal Register* on Monday, December 9, 2002 (67 FR 72854). This final rule becomes effective on January 8, 2003, and promulgates the supplemental proposed rule published earlier this year (67 FR 11014, March 11, 2002). The final rule excludes from the definition of "significant new use" specifically defined, low volume, controlled exposure uses in semiconductor manufacture, aviation hydraulics, and imaging, as well as use as an intermediate to produce chemicals solely for one of those excluded uses. The final rule requires submission of a significant new use notice (SNUN) for any other manufacture or import of these chemicals after December 31, 2002.

Eight parties submitted timely comments on the supplemental proposed rule, and two parties submitted late comments. All of these comments, as well as significant submissions from earlier phases of this rulemaking proceeding, can be found online in the Agency's newly established electronic docket, OPPT-2002-0043. You can access this docket on the Environmental Protection Agency website at www.epa.gov/edocket. Click on "Quick Search," and enter the docket number OPPT-2002-0043. The docket includes a complete index to all submissions throughout the rulemaking that were made to the legacy docket, OPPTS-50639, and copies of those documents not available electronically through the website can be obtained from the Non-Confidential Information Center in the EPA Docket Office by sending an email message to oppt.ncic@epa.gov or by calling 202-566-0280.

If you have questions concerning this final rule, or if you have any difficulty opening or reading the attached Portable Document Format (PDF) file, please contact Mary Dominiak by email at dominiak.mary@epa.gov, or by calling 202-564-8104.

Sincerely,

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