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Re: Polyvinyl Chloride; FDA Request for
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

In our letter dated May 12, 1983, we informed you of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) activity in developing a proposed regulation dealing with polyvinyl chloride products and its need for responses to the environmental questions set forth in its letter dated December 28, 1982. We discussed the answers we proposed to provide to FDA and asked for your comments. Having received no suggestions for either corrections or revisions, a formal answer to the FDA environmental questions, substantially in accord with those we sent to you, has been delivered to the Agency. We are enclosing a copy of our letter dated June 29, 1983, so that your files will be complete.

We have learned that FDA staff members are developing information regarding the possible economic impact of the proposed regulation being worked upon. This is in accordance with current requirements that the economic impact of all regulations be assessed and that regulations be drafted to minimize any adverse economic impact consistent with the regulatory goal. In this case, because the regulations are expected to assist in opening markets rather than limiting them, there are not likely to be any potential adverse economic effects noted. The main reason for bringing this piece of information to your attention is that it provides independent evidence that the Agency is dealing with the PVC regulations seriously.