



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Food and Drug Administration
Washington DC 20204

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Jill Cashen
Cancer Prevention Coalition
520 North Michigan Avenue Suite 410
Chicago, IL 60611

Re: Docket No. 94P-0420

Dear Ms. Cashen:

This letter is in response to your citizen petition, dated November 17, 1994 and filed on November 23, 1994, which requests that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) require that all cosmetic talc products bear warning labels stating that talcum powder causes cancer in laboratory animals and that frequent talc application in the female genital area increases the risk of ovarian cancer.

The purpose of this response is to advise you, in accordance with 21 CFR 10.30(e)(2), that we have not been able to reach a decision on your petition within the first 180 days of the filing of the petition because of the limited availability of resources and other agency priorities.

Sincerely yours,

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