

December 13, 2004

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Dear Ms. Hamilton:

The Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics is providing the following preliminary comments on the robust summaries and test plan for 2,4,6-tris(dimethylaminomethyl)phenol, posted on the ChemRTK HPV Challenge Program Web site on March 9, 2004. I commend Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. for their commitment to the HPV Challenge Program.

EPA reviews test plans and robust summaries to determine whether the reported data and test plans will provide the data necessary to adequately characterize each SIDS endpoint. On its Challenge Web site, EPA has provided guidance for determining the adequacy of data and preparing test plans used to prioritize chemicals for further work.

EPA agrees with the submitter's plan to address the HPV endpoints with further testing according to the OECD guidelines 201, 422 and 473 as presented in the Test Plan.

EPA will post this letter on the HPV Challenge Web site within the next few days. We ask that Air Products advise the Agency, within 60 days of this posting on the Web site, of any modifications to its submission.

If you have any questions about this response, please contact Donald Rodier, Acting Chief of the HPV Chemicals Branch, at 202-564-7633. Submit questions about the HPV Challenge Program through the "Contact Us" link on the HPV Challenge Program Web site pages or through the TSCA Assistance Information Service (TSCA Hotline) at (202) 554-1404. The TSCA Hotline can also be reached by e-mail at tsc-hotline@epa.gov.

I thank you for your submission and look forward to your continued participation in the HPV Challenge Program.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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