Addendum to Response to Public Comments Concerning the Use of Sulfuryl Fluoride In Food Handling Facilities Dated July 14, 2005

July 20, 2005

This document serves as an addendum to the Agency’s Response to Public Comments Concerning the Use of Sulfuryl Fluoride In Food Handling Facilities dated July 14, 2005 (OPP-2005-0067-0020) for the purpose of correcting a typographical error appearing in that document. Previously, the Agency had received a pesticide petition (3F6573) from Dow AgroSciences LLC, 9330 Zionsville Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268 proposing, pursuant to section 408(d) of the FFDCA, 21 U.S.C. 346a(d), to amend 40 CFR part 180 by establishing tolerances for residues of sulfuryl fluoride and fluoride anion in or on processed food commodities. As a result of the Notice of Filing and Dow’s risk assessment that was published in the Federal Register (70 FR 10621, March 4, 2005) as required by the Food Quality Protection Act, the Agency received 19 sets of written comments, usually in the form of questions, on the Notice of Filing. In general, the substantive comments related to questions and consequences surrounding fluoride exposures and issues regarding fluoride toxicology. The Agency’s Response to Public Comments Concerning the Use of Sulfuryl Fluoride In Food Handling Facilities dated July 14, 2005 was issued to provide a comprehensive response to these comments.

Within the comment designated as “1 Previous Objections to the Use of Fluoride”, the Agency’s response included a statement reading “On June 2, 2004, EPA issued a preliminary response to FAN’s objections and hearing request concerning the tolerance approved in January 2004.” The date concerning the issuance of the preliminary response contains a typographical error. The actual date of EPA’s issuance of the preliminary response to FAN’s objections and hearing request was June 2, 2005. Therefore, it is the intention of this document that the first sentence contained in the Agency response to “1 Previous Objections to the Use of Fluoride” within the Agency’s Response to Public Comments Concerning the Use of Sulfuryl Fluoride In Food Handling Facilities dated July 14, 2005 be hereby corrected to read “On June 2, 2005, EPA issued a preliminary response to FAN’s objections and hearing request concerning the tolerance approved in January 2004.”