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Dear Mr. Rawson:

Thank you for your letter of August 29, 2011, regarding the Chronic Hazard Advisory Panel (CHAP) on phthalates. In your letter, you requested an opportunity for scientists from the Hamner Institutes for Health Sciences to present recent research on diisononyl phthalate (DINP) at the next CHAP meeting in November. You noted that the CHAP plans to invite other scientists to present their research at the November meeting.

I forwarded your letter to the CHAP members and received their input. I also discussed your request with the CHAP Chair, Dr. Philip Mirkes, and Vice-Chair, Dr. Bernard Schwetz. The CHAP is grateful for your willingness to share recent research results in an oral presentation. They have reviewed the written materials that Dr. Clewell provided, and they look forward to examining the manuscript when it is accepted for publication. However, as the April 2012 deadline for completing the CHAP report is rapidly approaching, the CHAP feels a greater need to hear from others at its next meeting. Therefore, the CHAP respectfully declines your request for additional presentation at the November meeting.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at: mbabich@cpsc.gov or 301-504-7253.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael A. Babich". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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Cc: J. Robert Howell, Deputy Executive Director for Safety Operations
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