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**From**: Leifer, Kerry [Leifer.Kerry@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 2/17/2021 8:12:55 PM
**To**: Echeverria, Marietta [Echeverria.Marietta@epa.gov]; Aubee, Catherine [Aubee.Catherine@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: PFAS in HDPE containers

The short answer is yes and no—perhaps we could discuss further at my general tomorrow?

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**From:** Echeverria, Marietta
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 17, 2021 2:56 PM
**To:** Aubee, Catherine <Aubee.Catherine@epa.gov>; Leifer, Kerry <Leifer.Kerry@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: PFAS in HDPE containers

Have we closed the loop on this?

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**From:** Aubee, Catherine <Aubee.Catherine@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Thursday, February 11, 2021 9:24 AM
**To:** Leifer, Kerry <Leifer.Kerry@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Echeverria, Marietta <Echeverria.Marietta@epa.gov>; Nesci, Kimberly <Nesci.Kimberly@epa.gov>; Goodis, Michael <Goodis.Michael@epa.gov>; Messina, Edward <Messina.Edward@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Fwd: PFAS in HDPE containers

Hi Kerry - please see below re: inert finder. Suggested response?

Best,
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Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Nesci, Kimberly" <Nesci.Kimberly@epa.gov>
> **Date:** February 9, 2021 at 12:53:48 PM EST
> **To:** "Messina, Edward" <Messina.Edward@epa.gov>, "Nguyen, Thuy" <Nguyen.Thuy@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** "Goodis, Michael" <Goodis.Michael@epa.gov>, "Aubee, Catherine" <Aubee.Catherine@epa.gov>
> **Subject: RE: PFAS in HDPE containers**

We talked about releasing these data with Alex before she left. Thuy's in the process of Q/Cing the data and addressing Tala's request for data to be reorganized, so once we have a final report, we could share. I think the TSCA CBI thing was resolved. But I would suggest we notify Michal before doing so.

Re: what Clarke is doing with its other products in fluorinated HDPE containers, I haven't been talking with Karen Larson on their product stewardship intentions. Copying Catherine Aubee in RD; she might have some intel on that.

Re: inerts, you may need to reach out to the inerts branch in RD (Kerry Leifer, but again copying Catherine).

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**From:** Messina, Edward <Messina.Edward@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 9, 2021 12:41 PM
**To:** Nguyen, Thuy <Nguyen.Thuy@epa.gov>; Nesci, Kimberly <Nesci.Kimberly@epa.gov>
**Subject:** FW: PFAS in HDPE containers

Fyi – Thoughts?

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**From:** Kyla Bennett <KBennett@peer.org>
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 9, 2021 12:21 PM
**To:** Messina, Edward <Messina.Edward@epa.gov>
**Subject:** PFAS in HDPE containers

Hi, Ed. I want to thank you for joining the Mosquito Control for the Twenty-first Century Task Force meeting last week, and for sharing EPA's ongoing work on the fluorinated HDPE containers. I wanted to take advantage of your generous offer to speak offline about the work you're doing.

PEER did a FOIA for your test results on the containers on 1/15, and a response is due 2/19. Is there any way we could get those data from you, or do we have to wait for the FOIA process (which, as you know, can be incredibly long)?

I also have a few questions. I asked whether any of Clarke's other 59 pesticide products used these fluorinated containers, and you responded that some, but not all, did. Why is the company not red tagging those pesticides as well? Shouldn't the public be informed?

Also, you told me that EPA had removed the legacy PFAS approved inerts from InertFinder. And I see that the list is different, but it still includes a lot of different PFAS that were not there before. Can you explain to me what is going on (I'm hoping I'm misunderstanding what I'm

seeing)? Why would any PFAS be on this list?

As you know, PEER is deeply concerned about the presence of PFAS in pesticides, and in these containers. We appreciate the work you are doing on this, but would love to understand it a little better.

Thanks so much,

Kyla

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