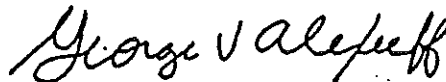

APPENDIX D
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The US EPA has been developing a Reference Exposure Concentration (RFC) for crystalline silica in the range of 0.03 to 2.0 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. Note that the chronic REL of 1.2 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ falls within the range. ATEs had hoped to adopt the US EPA criterion, however, the US EPA has apparently put development of the crystalline silica RFC on hold. Therefore, ATEs will go ahead with the peer review of its own criterion. The process will allow for public and external peer review of the REL.

If you have additional questions about this issue, please call me at (510) 540-2907.

Sincerely,



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