



DEC 15 2004

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Dear Ms. Houlihan:

I am writing to you regarding your request for correction of information regarding FDA's "Advice For Women Who Are Pregnant, Or Who Might Become Pregnant, And Nursing Mothers, About Avoiding Harm to Your Baby Or Young Child From Mercury in Fish And ShellFish." This information was released in December 2003 as a draft Advisory. As you know, the Draft Advisory was revised and re-released on March 19, 2004. The 2004 Consumer Advisory entitled "What You Need to Know About Mercury in Fish and Shellfish" is available on the internet at www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/admehg3.html.

Your December 22, 2003 request is still under our review. We will not be able to meet the date of December 17, 2004 for responding as had been indicated in our prior correspondence. However, we anticipate responding by February 15, 2005.

Sincerely,

/s/

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