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Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20460

Re: Submittal of the VCCEPP Tier 1 Assessment of the Commercial Octabromodiphenyl Ether Product (CAS No. 32536-52-0)

Dear Sir or Madam:

Great Lakes Chemical Corporation is pleased to present to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) this Tier 1 assessment of the commercial octabromodiphenyl ether product (CAS No. 32536-52-0). Copies of this document have been forwarded to Mr. Dan Briggs at Toxicology Excellence for Risk Assessment (TERA) in Cincinnati, Ohio. This document is submitted in accordance with U.S. EPA's December 26, 2000 *Federal Register* (Vol. 65, No. 248, pp. 81699-81718).

This work was conducted by ENVIRON International Corporation (ENVIRON) and represents the commitment of Great Lakes Chemical Corporation to participate as a sponsor in the Voluntary Children's Chemical Evaluation Program Pilot (VCCEPP). The company's participation in the VCCEPP is consistent with the commitment to fulfill its responsibilities as an industry leader and corporate citizen. Great Lakes Chemical Corporation fully endorses the principles of Responsible Care[®] set forth by the American Chemistry Council. The company and its employees work proactively to develop environmentally superior products and services, improve manufacturing operations and create safe working and living conditions for employees and the public.

If you require any additional information pertaining to this submission, please contact Mr. Robert Campbell, Great Lakes Chemical Corporation, at (765) 497-6100.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures (3 hard copies and one electronic copy of the submission)

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