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Celeste M. Powers, CAE  
Executive Director  
Independent Lubricant Manufacturer's Association  
400 North Columbus Street, Suite 201  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Re: Mineral Oil

Dear Ms. Powers,

The ACGIH<sup>®</sup> Board of Directors voted to retain the proposal for a TLV-TWA for Mineral Oil on the 2007 Notice of Intended Changes. The proposed TLV-TWA for "Mineral Oils Used in Metal Working" is 0.2 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (inhalable), with carcinogenicity classifications of A2 for Poorly and Mildly Refined oils, and A4 for Highly and Severely Refined oils. The proposal for "Mineral Oil, Pure, Highly and Severely Refined" is a TLV-TWA of 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (inhalable) with an A4 carcinogenicity classification. Because of workload, the committee was unable to completely review all comments, therefore retaining the draft *Documentation* on the NIC for further deliberations.

I have attached a copy of the 2007 NIC draft *Documentation* for Mineral Oil for your personal use and review. This draft is the same as the 2006 NIC draft *Documentation*. This copy is provided because of your submission of comments during the TLV<sup>®</sup> development process. Your input is valued by ACGIH<sup>®</sup>, and was carefully considered during our scientific review process. The draft *Documentation* is also available to the public through the ACGIH<sup>®</sup> website at [www.acgih.org/store](http://www.acgih.org/store).

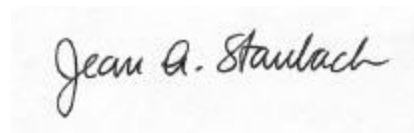
In keeping with our TLV<sup>®</sup>/BEI<sup>®</sup> Development Process, we ask that you forward any additional information or comments that you would like the Committee to consider during this year's deliberations by July 31, 2007. Receipt of comments by this date will allow sufficient time for proper consideration before decisions are made at the fall meeting.

Please also remember the change being made to NIC and NIE Comment Period of the ACGIH<sup>®</sup> TLV<sup>®</sup>/BEI<sup>®</sup> Development Process for this year. The comment period for an NIC or NIE draft *Documentation* and its respective TLV(s)<sup>®</sup>, notation(s), or BEI(s)<sup>®</sup>, is limited to a firm six-month period, running from February 1 to July 31 of each year. ACGIH<sup>®</sup> restructured the comment period

effective January 1, 2007 to ensure all comments are received by ACGIH® in time for full consideration by the appropriate Committee before its fall meeting. Because of the time required to review, evaluate, and consider comments during the fall meetings, any submissions received after the July 31 deadline will not be considered in that year's committee deliberations regarding the outcome for possible adoption of a NIC or NIE. As a general practice, ACGIH's® reviews all submissions regarding chemical substances and physical agents on Under Study, as well as NICs, NIEs, or currently adopted BEI(s)® or TLV(s)®. All comments received after July 31 will be fully considered in the following year. Draft *Documentation* for an NIC or NIE is available for review during the full six-month period. You can read more about these changes on our website at [www.acgih.org/resources/press/TLVDevProcess\\_pr.htm](http://www.acgih.org/resources/press/TLVDevProcess_pr.htm)

Recommendations made at the fall committee meeting will be forwarded to the ACGIH® Board of Directors and action taken will be reported in the ACGIH® Annual Report in January 2008.

Thank you for your participation in our process.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jean A. Staubach". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the left of a vertical line.

Jean Staubach  
Science Coordinator  
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