FDA U.S. FOOD & DRUG ADMINISTRATION

Emily Jeffers
Center for Biological Diversity
1212 Broadway, Suite 800
Oakland, California 94702

Re: Docket No. FDA-2018-P-2025

NOV 2 1 2018

Dear Ms. Jeffers:

I am writing to inform you that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has not yet resolved the issues raised in your citizen petition received on May 25, 2018. Your petition requests that the Agency ban the use of oxybenzone and octinoxate in sunscreens and other personal care products. Alternatively, if FDA does not ban these ingredients, your petition requests that we: (1) consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act to ensure that oxybenzone and octinoxate are not harming any listed endangered or threatened species; and (2) conduct an environmental analysis on the impacts of oxybenzone and octinoxate to marine life and the human environment pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act.

FDA has been unable to reach a decision on your petition because it raises complex issues requiring extensive review and analysis by Agency officials. This interim response is provided in accordance with FDA regulations on citizen petitions (21 CFR 10.30(e)(2)). We will respond to your petition as soon as we have reached a decision on your request.

Sincerely,

Carol J. Bennett
Acting Director
Office of Regulatory Policy
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

U.S. Food & Drug Administration
10903 New Hampshire Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20993
www.fda.gov