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Dear Ms. Mojica:

Thank you for your April 23 letter to EPA regarding updated CDC guidance for cleaning and disinfecting against SARS-CoV-2 during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As was discussed on May 24 when EPA met with representatives from CDC, HCPA, the American Chemistry Council's Center for Biocide Chemistries, and the American Cleaning Institute, EPA reiterates its appreciation of HCPA's interest in ensuring the federal government provides clear and consistent public messaging guided by the best available science.

To address concerns, CDC revised online guidance on cleaning and disinfection (see <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html>) and EPA has updated one of its Frequent Questions about Disinfectants and Coronavirus (COVID-19) (see <https://www.epa.gov/coronavirus/whats-difference-between-products-disinfect-sanitize-and-clean-surfaces>) to further align and clarify the distinctions between products that clean, sanitize and disinfect. These revisions emphasize the need for sanitizers and disinfectants to be registered with EPA after undergoing efficacy testing and reiterate the importance of following the label directions.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact the Antimicrobials Division at pesticidequestions@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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