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Via E-mail

John Vandenberg, PhD Director of Research at NCEA 109 T.W. Alexander Drive Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

RE: Follow-up to the July 19<sup>th</sup> meeting at RTP

Dear Dr. Vandenberg,

Thank you for organizing and chairing the meeting on Thursday, July 19th, 2018 at your offices in Research Triangle Park. We found the discussions very productive.

Denka Performance Elastomer LLC (DPE) and Ramboll greatly appreciate the opportunity to present the findings from our updated PBPK model and sensitivity analyses, which were conducted largely to address the very helpful comments we received as part of the response to the RFC and the Ramboll PBPK workplan. We have worked diligently to address these comments, and welcome any additional recommendations you wish to offer.

We are prepared to provide EPA with a working PBPK model with full documentation that will allow EPA to use the model and perform the necessary internal and external peer review. We understand that Harvey Clewell and Jerry Campbell will be available as needed to meet with Paul Schlosser to go over the model in detail and address any questions. They also have agreed to maintain e-mail communication to address questions during EPA's evaluation of the model. We look forward to providing EPA with all the necessary support to facilitate the entire process.

We were pleased to hear that EPA intends to give high priority to the PBPK model evaluation and we look forward to receiving an updated timeline for the evaluation process.

DPE anticipates submitting a Request for Reconsideration (RFR) ahead of the July 25<sup>th</sup> deadline Thank you again, and we look forward to continuing our discussion.

Yours sincerely,

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