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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO MALLINCKRODT CHEMICAL INC.'S REQUEST TO REMOVE
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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact John Buckley at 301-415-6607.

Sincerely,

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Larry W. Camper, Chief
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cc: Mallinckrodt Dist. List

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