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Dear Petitioner:

Your petition to the Commissioner of Food and Drug Administration requesting that the agency lower the maximum lead allowed in bottled water from five to one parts per billion; explicitly prohibit lead as an additive to food contact articles; and update its existing guidance limiting lead in children's candy, juice, dried fruits, spices, and other ingredients was received by this office on 12/09/2020.

It was assigned docket number FDA-2020-P-2276. Please refer to this docket number in future correspondence on this subject with the Agency.

Please note that the acceptance of the petition for filing is a procedural matter in that it in no way reflects an agency decision on the substantive merits of the petition.

Sincerely,

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