DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES



Food and Drug Administration 9200 Corporate Blvd. Rockville MD 20850

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Mr. Jerry Staton 4241 E Ahwatukee Drive Phoenix, Arizona 85044

Re: Citizen Petition - Docket Number 2006P-0390

Dear Mr. Staton:

This is an interim response to your petition dated September 17, 2006, which was filed by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on October 19, 2006. In your petition, you requested that FDA require that the Church of Scientology disclose to its practitioners any potential hazards related to using the "E-meter" in the Church of Scientology practice of "auditing." Because the issues in your petition require additional review, we are unable to issue a final response to you at this time. We expect to issue a final response in the near future.

If you have any further questions about this interim response, please contact Deborah Wolf of our Regulation Staff at (240) 276-2350.

Sincerely yours,

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The undersigned submits this petition under 21CFR7.41 of the Code of Federal Regulations pertaining to health hazard evaluation and recall classification to request the Commissioner of Food and Drugs to order the Church of Scientology to clearly disclose The potential health hazards inherent in the use of the E-meter and Scientology's practice Of "auditing" to current practitioners of Scientology and to warn all future and potential practitioners of Scientology of the potential health hazards inherent in the use of the E-meter and Scientology's practice of "auditing" before a decision to practice Scientology is made.

Dated this 17th day of September 2006

Respectfully Submitted,

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ACTION REQUESTED

The following caveat should be made visible in relation to anything related to or encouraging the practice of Scientology:

The Church of Scientology's practice of auditing has been determined to constitute a form of coercive persuasion. Persons subjected to coercive persuasion without their knowledge or consent may sustain irreparable physical and psychological injury up to and including schizophrenia, self-mutilation, and suicide.

STATEMENT OF GROUNDS

In the case of "Lawrence Wollersheim v. the Church of Scientology," it was determined that Scientology's practice of "auditing" constituted coercive persuasion and is what precipitated his developing severe bipolar disorder and psychogenic amnesia. It was also determined that Scientology's practice of "auditing" was what drove Lawrence Wollersheim to attempt suicide.

http://www.factnet.org/letters/FACTNewsMay2002Wollersheim.html

In United States v. Lee 455 U.S. 252, 257-258 (1982), the California Supreme Court found that "when a person is subjected to coercive persuasion without his knowledge or consent... [he may] develop serious and sometimes irreversible physical and psychiatric disorders, up to and including schizophrenia, self-mutilation, and suicide."

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The only potential impact that this action would have on the environment would be due to the possible crippling of the Church of Scientology's effectiveness in recruiting and retaining membership, however, the available capacity of the nations refuse system should comfortably handle any increase in demand posed by the discarding of individuals' Scientology-related materials.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

Due to a decreased membership and subsequent financial standing, properties currently occupied by the Church of Scientology will most likely have to be vacated as the corporation downsizes, and an increased burden on the nation's mental healthcare system is likely as former Scientologists seek to come to terms with their feelings of anger over having been so deceived, controlled, and manipulated.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies, that, to the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, this petition includes all information and views on which the petition relies, and that it includes representative data and information known to the petitioner which is unfavorable to the petition.

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