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**RE: Olin Corporation - Notice of Filing of Petition for Declaratory Rulings**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Section 4-176 of the General Statutes of Connecticut and Section 22a-3a-4(a) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, notice is hereby given that on or about December 30, 2005, Olin Corporation ("Olin") will file a petition for declaratory rulings with the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection concerning the interpretation of certain provisions of Consent Order No. SRD-128 ("Consent Order"), which allocated responsibility to investigate and remediate pollution of certain properties in Hamden, Connecticut. Olin will request in its petition that the Commissioner issue declaratory rulings regarding: (i) the Consent Order's definition of the term "Non-Public Properties"; and (ii) the scope of the sharing of the cost of remediation between Olin and the Commissioner on a 50/50 basis as required under the Consent Order. Persons interested in the subject matter of Olin's petition may file comments with the Commissioner and, pursuant to Section 22a-3a-4(c)(1) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, may file a request to become an intervenor or party in the declaratory ruling proceeding.

Questions concerning Olin's petition for declaratory rulings may be directed to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

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