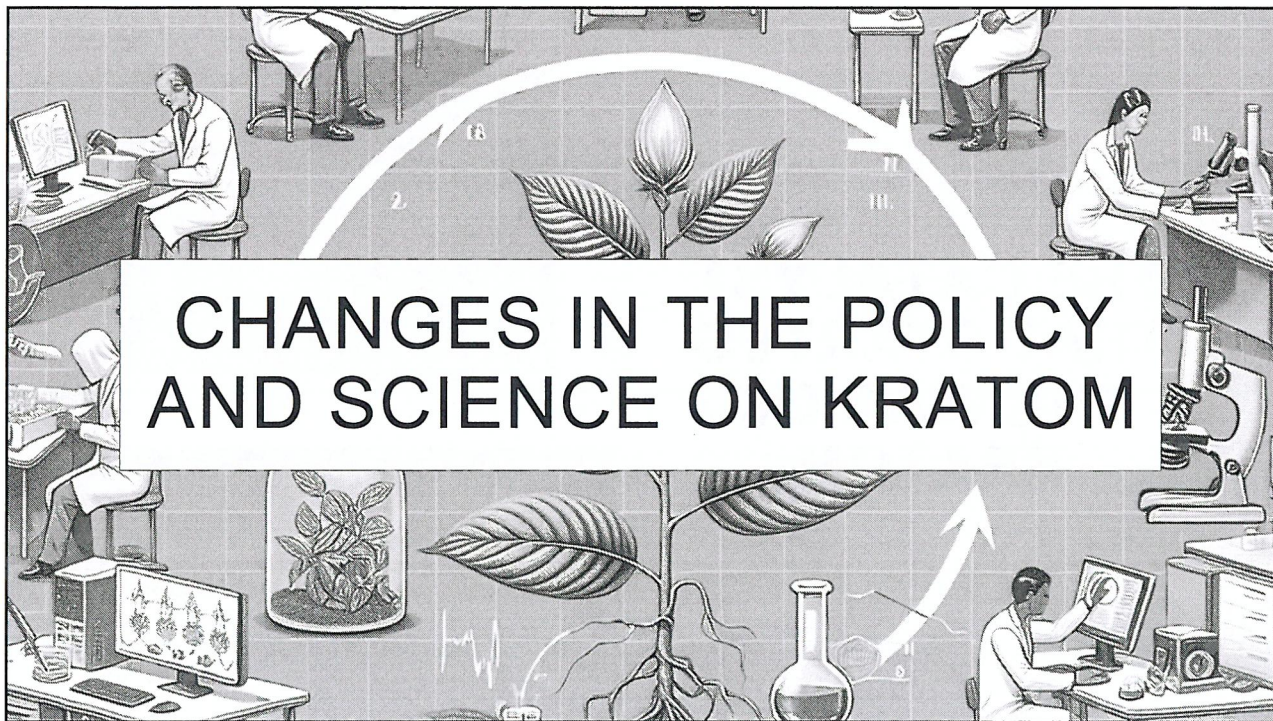
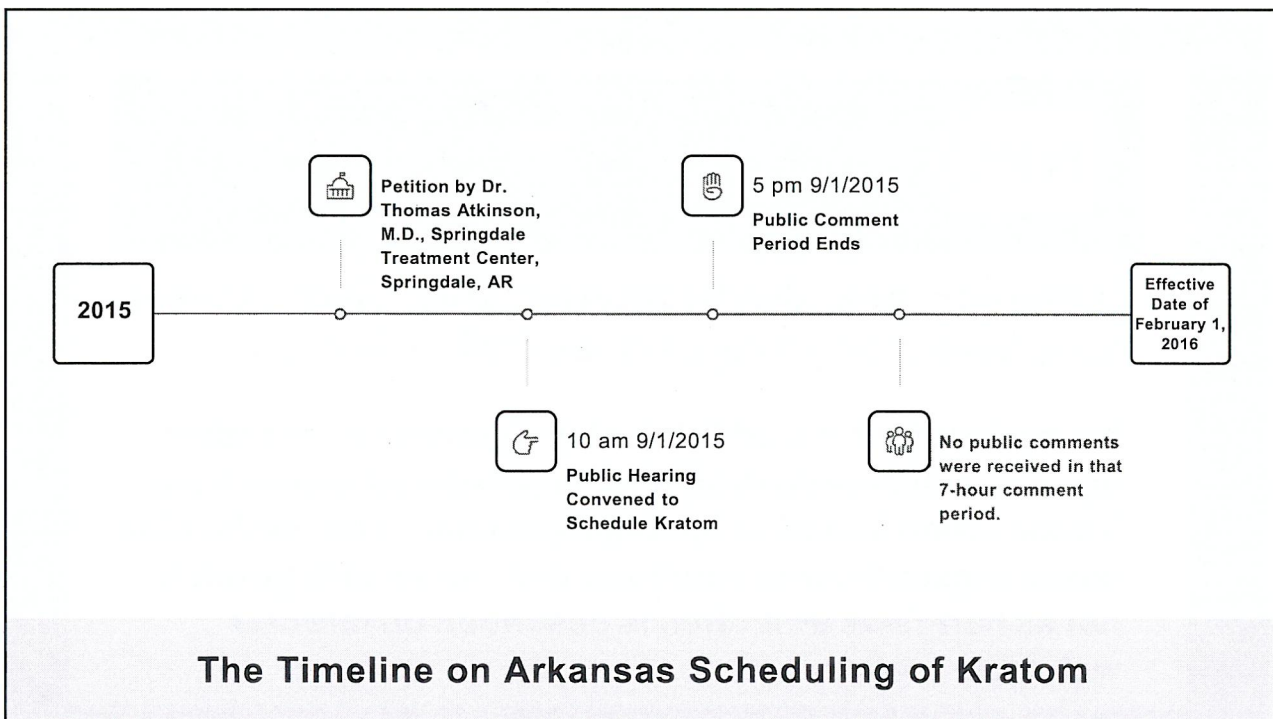


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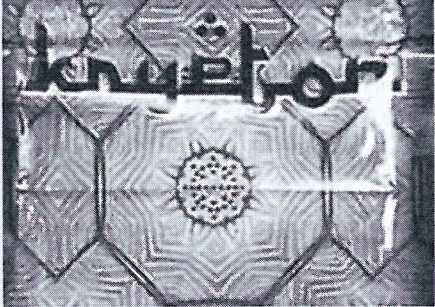


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We believe that the addition of the potent mu-receptor agonist O-desmethyltramadol to powdered leaves from Kratom contributed to the unintentional death of the nine cases presented and conclude that intake of Krypton is not as harmless as it often is described on internet websites.

May, 2011

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THE FDA WAR ON KRATOM

- 1 August 31, 2016, Drug Enforcement Administration Publishes Notice to Classify kratom as a Schedule I substance.
- 2 October 13, 2016, the DEA withdraws the Schedule I Notice on kratom.
- 3 November 17, 2017, the FDA submits its 2nd scheduling request
- 4 August 16, 2018, the Assistant Secretary of Health, Dr. Brett Giroir, withdrew the FDA's 2nd scheduling request
- 5 July 23, 2021, FDA publishes Federal Register Notice on the International Drug Scheduling of Kratom
- 6 December 1, 2021, the Expert Committee on Drug Dependence unanimously finds insufficient evidence to schedule kratom

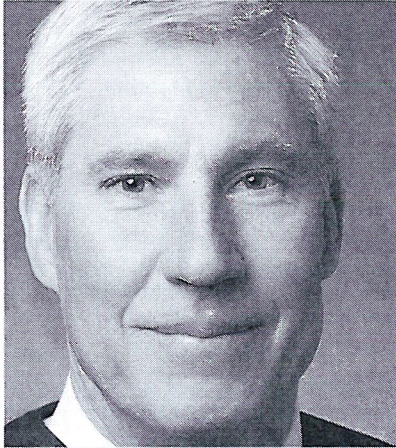
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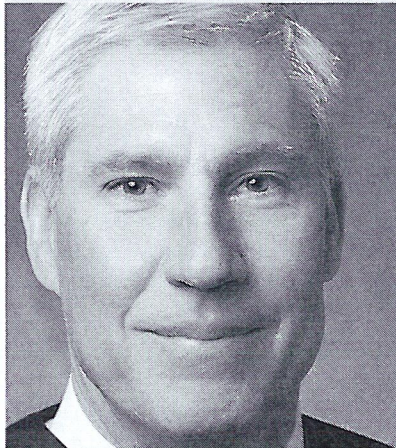
IS KRATOM LEGAL TO SELL IN THE US?

"Now, with regard to kratom specifically, it is legal to sell and buy and consume kratom in the United States. There are some municipalities and there are some states that have banned it. The federal government has not banned it. They have not prohibited the sale of it. They have not prohibited the consumption of it."

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IS KRATOM DANGEROUS?

"So, the evidence that I have based on the evidentiary hearing, is that the FDA has now come into line, so to speak, with the other regulatory bodies that have jurisdiction over this general subject matter; that is, DEA and National Institute of Drug Abuse, to take the position that kratom is not a dangerous substance."

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