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Dear Mr. Lennett, Ms. Tallman, and Mr. Pettit:

I am writing to confirm that on June 24, 2015, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency received your petition requesting that the EPA promulgate a rule pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act requiring recordkeeping and reporting by manufacturers, processors, and importers into the United States of mercury, mercury compounds, or mercury-added products.

Your petition has been filed pursuant to Section 21 of TSCA and, as required under this section, the EPA will either grant or deny your petition within 90 days of the date we received your petition, or by September 21, 2015. If the EPA grants your petition, then the agency will promptly commence an appropriate proceeding. If EPA denies your petition in whole or in part, then the agency will publish the reasons for denial in the Federal Register.

If you have any questions relating to your petition or the EPA's guidelines for Section 21 petitions, feel free to contact Tanya Hodge Mottley of my staff at (202) 564-3152 or mottley.tanya@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendy C. Hamnett".

Wendy Cleland-Hamnett
Director
Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics