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TOXIC SUBSTANCES

Dr. Michael Fry
Director of Conservation Advocacy
American Bird Conservancy
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Washington, DC 20009

Dear Dr. Fry:

I am writing to confirm the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) receipt of your petition dated August 3, 2010. Your petition was filed under section 21 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) and requests EPA to "adopt regulations prohibiting the manufacture, processing, and distribution in commerce of lead shot, lead bullets, lead fishing sinkers, and other lead-containing fishing gear, pursuant to TSCA (15 USC 2605 (a)(2)(A)(i))."

EPA will respond to this request in the time provided by TSCA section 21. As such, EPA will either grant or deny your petition by November 1, 2010. If EPA grants your petition, EPA will promptly commence an appropriate proceeding. If EPA denies your petition the Agency will publish the reasons for denial in the Federal Register.

If you have any questions relating to your petition or the general guidelines established by EPA relating to TSCA section 21 petitions, please contact Christina Wadlington of my staff at (202) 566-1859.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Wendy C. Hamnett", is written over a horizontal line.

Wendy Cleland-Hamnett
Director
Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics

Cc:

Mr. Jeff Miller, Center for Biological Diversity
Ms. Adina Rae Freedman, Association of Avian Veterinarians
Mr. Anthony Prieto, Project Gutpile
Ms. Karen Schambach, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility