



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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OFFICE OF CHEMICAL SAFETY
AND POLLUTION PREVENTION

Ms. Deborah Goldberg
Earthjustice
156 William Street, Suite 800
New York, NY 10038

Dear Ms. Goldberg:

I am writing to confirm the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) receipt of the petition submitted by you and a number of other organizations on August 4, 2011. Your petition was filed under Section 21 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) and requests that EPA take action under Section 4 to require that manufacturers and processors of oil and gas exploration or production (E&P) chemicals conduct toxicity testing of all E&P chemicals and identify all chemicals and mixtures tested. You also requested that the EPA take action under the TSCA Section 8 to require maintenance and submission of various records related to E&P chemicals.

EPA will respond to this petition in the 90-day time period provided by Section 21 of TSCA, which will be November 2, 2011. If you have any questions relating to your petition or the general guidelines established by EPA related to TSCA Section 21 petitions, please contact Maria Doa, Director of the Chemical Control Division within my Office. She can be reached at 202-566-0718.

Sincerely,

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

Wendy Cleland-Hamnett
Director
Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics