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OFFICE OF CHEMICAL SAFETY  
AND POLLUTION PREVENTION

Miyoko Sakashita  
Oceans Director  
Center for Biological Diversity  
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Dear Ms. Sakashita:

I am writing to confirm that on June 30, 2015, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency received a petition from the Center for Biological Diversity and Donn J. Viviani, Ph.D., requesting that EPA promulgate regulations pursuant to Section 6 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) to protect “public health and the environment from the serious harms associated with anthropogenic emissions of carbon dioxide, including ocean acidification.” The petition alternately requests that EPA “adopt a rule under section 4 of [TSCA] requiring manufacturers and processors responsible for the generation of carbon dioxide to undertake testing to determine toxicity, persistence, and other characteristics which affect health and the environment and are necessary to determine if there is an unreasonable risk of injury to health and the environment.”

Your petition has been filed pursuant to TSCA Section 21, which provides that within 90 days after the date of filing, or September 27, 2015, for your petition, the Administrator shall either grant or deny the petition. Section 21 of TSCA further provides that if the Administrator grants such petition, then the Administrator shall promptly commence an appropriate proceeding. Section 21 of TSCA also provides that if the Administrator denies such petition, then the Administrator shall publish in the *Federal Register* the Administrator's reasons for such denial.

If you have any questions relating to your petition or EPA's guidelines for TSCA Section 21 petitions, please contact Mike Mattheisen by telephone at (202) 564-3077 or by email at [mattheisen.mike@epa.gov](mailto:mattheisen.mike@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

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

Wendy Cleland-Hamnett, Director  
Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics

cc: Dr. Donn J. Viviani

