

VIA FAX AND REGISTERED MAIL

22 January 1997

Ms. Carol M. Browner
EPA Administrator
401 M Street, S.W.
Room W1200
Washington, DC
USA 20460

Re: Submission on enforcement matters under Articles 14 and 15 of the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation

Submitter(s): Southwest Center for Biological Diversity
and Dr. Robin Silver

Party: United States of America

Date: 14 November 1996

Submission No.: SEM-96-004

Dear Ms. Browner:

On 25 November 1996, the Secretariat of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation received a submission pursuant to Article 14 of the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation (“Agreement”) filed by Earthlaw on behalf of the Southwest Center for Biological Diversity and Dr. Robin Silver. The submission alleges that the Government of the United States is failing to effectively enforce its environmental law, namely the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The Secretariat reviewed the submission under Article 14(1) of the Agreement and determined on 16 December 1997 that the submission met the criteria of Article 14(1).

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Pursuant to Article 14(2) of the Agreement, the Secretariat has determined that the submission merits requesting a response from the United States. Accordingly, the Secretariat requests a response from the Government of the United States to the above-mentioned submission within the time frame provided in Article 14(3) of the Agreement. A copy of the submission and of the supporting information is annexed to this letter.

Sincerely,

Commission for Environmental Cooperation - Secretariat

per: Victor Lichtinger
Executive Director

cc.: Hon. Sergio Marchi
Mtra Julia Carabias
Earthlaw

Enclosures (2)