From: In Defense of Animals on behalf of Mercedes Howard
To: Sablad, Elizabeth
Subject: Reject SeaWorld"s Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego"s Coast
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Dear EPA,

As a person who cares about all animals, and one of 200,000 In Defense of Animals supporters, I am writing to urge you to prioritize ethics, science, environmental protection, and public health over corporate profits and deny SeaWorld and its Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute the permits it needs to move ahead with its Rose Canyon Fisheries proposal.

Don Kent, CEO of the Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute, is quick to claim that nothing could possibly go wrong: No marine mammals will be injured. There will be no inbreeding in the enclosure. No diseases will be spread. There will be no issues whatsoever with dumping immeasurable quantities of waste products into the ocean just off the coast of San Diego.

Not only is there no science to support this, but the evidence points to the contrary.

For the animals' good, the public's good, and for the environment's good, ask yourself and other third-party scientists and engineers: Should we take Don Kent's word? Are we 100% - or even reasonably - certain that nothing could go possibly go wrong with this project? The answer to both questions is a clear and resounding "NO!"

Please deny SeaWorld and its "private investment firm" partner their permits. Just as SeaWorld has finally been exposed to have managed captive orcas improperly, please don't let it cause further and irreversible damage by approving this high-risk and hazardous aquaculture plan.

Thank you immensely for your time, consideration, and foresight

Sincerely,

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