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OFFICE OF CHEMICAL SAFETY
AND POLLUTION PREVENTION

Mr. Adam Keats
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Dear Mr. Keats,

I am writing to confirm the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) receipt on November 17, 2011 of your "Petition to the Environmental Protection Agency to Regulate Lead Fishing Tackle Under the Toxic Substances Control Act" submitted jointly by you, Loon Lake Loon Association, and Project Gutpile. You requested that EPA "evaluate the unreasonable risk of injury to the environment from fishing tackle containing lead (including fishing weights, sinkers, lures, jigs, and/or other tackle) of various sizes and uses that are ingested by wildlife resulting in lead exposure." You also requested that EPA "initiate a proceeding for the issuance of a rulemaking under Section 6 of TSCA to adequately protect against such risks."

Section 21 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) requires that EPA respond to petitions to initiate a proceeding for the issuance of a rule under Section 6 of TSCA within 90 days. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Tala R. Henry, Acting Director of the National Program Chemicals Division. She can be reached at (202) 564-2959.

Sincerely,

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

Wendy Cleland-Hamnett
Director
Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics