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Lori Ann Burd Environmental Health Program Director, Senior Attorney Center for Biological Diversity

Dear Ms. Burd:

Thank you for your request for correction (RFC #19003), submitted under the *Guidelines for Ensuring* and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility and Integrity of Information Disseminated by the Environmental Protection Agency. This RFC was received July 2, 2019, concerning a post made on "The EPA Blog" on the topic, "EPA Celebrates National Pollinators Week." Your request disagrees with a reference made on the EPA Blog to a Washington Post article concerning EPA canceling the registration of products containing pesticides thought harmful to bees.

As stated in EPA's Information Quality Guidelines, the guidelines do not apply to ephemeral information, as what is being offered is someone's opinion rather than fact or EPA's views. The EPA Blog is an example of information that would not be considered disseminated by the EPA to the public. For this reason, we decline to consider your RFC.

Regardless, EPA makes every effort to ensure that information that is disseminated and opinions that are posted are well researched and accurate.

Thank you for your attention to quality information.

Sincerely,

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