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**BY FAX AND REGISTERED MAIL**

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**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:** November 14, 1996  
**Submission No.: SEM-96-004**

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Dear Sirs/Madams:

The Secretariat of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation has concluded that your submission satisfies the initial screening criteria under Article 14(1) of the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation. Accordingly, the submission will now be reviewed under Article 14(2) to determine whether the submission merits requesting a response from the United States Government.

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We will keep you informed of the status of your submission.

Yours truly,

**Commission for Environmental Cooperation - Secretariat**

per: Greg Block  
Director

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