

19 December 1997

BY FAX AND REGISTERED MAIL

Mr. Mitch Friedman
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**Re: Submission on enforcement matters under Articles 14 and 15 of
the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation**

Submitter(s): Animal Alliance of Canada et al.

Party: Canada

Date filed: 22 July 1997

Submission No.: SEM-97-005

Dear Sir:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter and submission dated 16 December 1997, received the same day by fax at our offices, requesting that Northwest Ecosystem Alliance be added as a co-submitter to the above Submission and adopting the argument put forward by the three original submitters.

Please note that neither the *North American Agreement for Environmental Cooperation* (the “Agreement”) nor the *Guidelines for Submissions on Enforcement Matters under Articles 14 and 15* (the “Guidelines”) contemplate the addition of co-submitters. Accordingly, the Secretariat will examine how to evaluate your request upon receipt of the original copy of same.

We take note that you have not designated any information as confidential or proprietary under Article 11(8) of the Agreement. Accordingly, your submission in its entirety will be made available to the Parties to the Agreement and to the public.

We will keep you informed of the status of your submission in accordance with the Agreement and the Guidelines. All future correspondence will be sent to the above-captioned address unless and until otherwise advised.

Yours truly,

Commission for Environmental Cooperation - Secretariat

(original signed)

Greg Block

Director

c.c. Mr. Avrim Lazar, Environment Canada
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Mr. Clayton C. Ruby on behalf of Animal Alliance of Canada et al.