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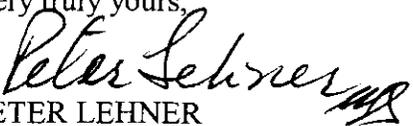
Stephen L. Johnson, Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Ariel Rios Building - Mail Code 1101A
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Mr. Johnson,

We enclose a petition of New York, Alaska, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, the United States Virgin Islands and Wisconsin requesting that EPA find that certain chemicals used as "inert" ingredients in pesticides that it has already determined to be hazardous, toxic, pollutants, or the like under other statutes "may pose a hazard to man or the environment" under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act. The Petition further requests that, based on this finding, EPA initiate a rulemaking to amend its regulations governing the labeling of pesticide products to require that those chemicals included in the finding shall be disclosed as "Hazardous Inert Ingredients" on the label of any pesticide product in which they are formulated.

We look forward to your consideration of this petition and the issuance of a finding within the next 60 days.

Very truly yours,


PETER LEHNER
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cc: James J. Jones, Director, Office of Pesticide Programs (By Facsimile to 703-308-4776)