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Office of Pesticide Programs
Regulatory Public Docket (7502P)
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20460-0001

RE: Comments to Docket ID number #EPA-HQ_OPP-2007-0944
Petition Requesting EPA to Issue a Notice of Intent to Cancel the Registrations of
M-44 Sodium Cyanide Capsules and Sodium Fluoroacetate
Federal Register Volume 72, Number E7-22369, pages 64623-64624

Dear Sirs:

I am writing in support of canceling the registration of these two predator controls. We have been sheep producers for nearly 15 years, and have suffered losses due to predators in the early years. After buying a guard llama 7 years ago, we have suffered none. We are not opposed to lethal predator controls (we have a shotgun at the ready), but we are opposed to the use of releasing these chemicals into the environment and we are in favor of reducing resources available for terrorism or accidental misuse.

According to a letter from the American Sheep Industry Association, of which we are members, LPC's represent less than .04 percent of the annual coyote removal by WS and M-44's less than 16 percent. It appears that these are not very effective devices.

This same ASIA letter also states that "In the absence of effective damage management, livestock losses to predation by coyotes could be two to three times more than current levels, estimated to be \$16.3 million in losses to the sheep industry and \$51 million in losses in the cattle industry." There is an obvious sleight of hand in that letter- how can the discontinuation of management tools which are effective less than .04% and less than 16 percent possibly increase losses two or three times current levels? I do not disagree that without effective management, losses would be that high, but we are not discussing doing away with all management as the letter would imply, but simply of eliminating two dangerous devices that by their own admission, are pretty ineffective! It is too bad the ASIA would resort to misleading statements directed to their own members in order to gain support.

In summary, I hope that the EPA will make the decision in this case, that will reflect its name, an agency that will protect the environment from needless toxins.

Sincerely,

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