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Subject: RE: American Bird Conservancy Response to EPA Seed Treatment Decision
Attachments: Final for Signature_Treated Seed Petition Response_9-27.pdf

Thanks for sharing Ed.

Our treated seed response attached so everyone is aware. At some point OGC is wanting to have a follow up discussion about how this relates to treated articles across the various divisions, not just treated seeds.

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FYI and possible CMS.

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Dear Assistant Administrator Freedhof, Director Messina, and Deputy Assistant Administrator Li,

American Bird Conservancy respectfully submits the attached letter in response to yesterday's decision on pesticide-coated seed inclusion under the Treated Article Exemption. We are grateful for the steps to better understand and label pesticide use on coated seeds but feel stronger rulemaking and consideration of reclassification are still warranted.

We look forward to upcoming comment periods on this issue and await the ANPRM discussed in the petition response.

Thank you for your work on this issue and if there are any questions or comments please do not hesitate to reach out! We are eager to continue dialogue with EPA on the matter of pesticide-coated seeds.

Sincerely,

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