



U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20416

September 6, 2016

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Re: Sixty-Day Notice of Intent to Sue the Farm Service Agency and the Small Business Administration for Alleged Violations of Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act

Dear Ms. Holmes:

The Small Business Administration (SBA) has received your letters, dated June 29, 2016 and August 15, 2016 respectively, providing the Agency with notice of your intent to bring suit for alleged violations of Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and various issues related to the National Environmental Policy Act in connection with what you have referenced as "the Tracy Poultry Project." We have carefully reviewed your letters, and have concluded that they raise a number of important issues. The Agency is currently reviewing the matter, in light of your stated concerns, and intends to proceed as appropriate to address those concerns.

Once it is determined what specific steps SBA will undertake in response to your letter, we will be pleased to advise you of such determination.

In the meantime, if you should wish to further discuss this matter, please feel free to contact either me, at (202) 205-6636 or eric.benderson@sba.gov, or Gary Fox, of my office, at (202) 205-6852 or gary.fox@sba.gov.

Sincerely,

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