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Dear Lindsay Beck and Daniel Cheater:

Thank you for your correspondence of February 6, 2024, sent on behalf of the Raincoast Conservation Foundation, the Watershed Watch Salmon Society, and the Pacific Salmon Foundation, requesting, under subsection 76(1) of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999* (CEPA), that the Minister of the Environment and the Minister of Health assess N-(1,3-dimethylbutyl)-N'-phenylphenylenediamine (6PPD) (CAS RN 793-24-8) to determine whether this substance is toxic or capable of becoming toxic under CEPA.

The information submitted in your request has been reviewed, and it aligns with information currently being collected by Environment and Climate Change Canada on 6PPD and 6PPD-quinone. Notably, 6PPD was included in a mandatory data gathering initiative published in June 2023. In addition, research, monitoring and surveillance work on 6PPD is currently being led or funded by the Government of Canada. In particular, research on the presence of tire wear derived chemicals such as 6PPD / 6PPD-quinone in air and on the toxicity of 6PPD / 6PPD-quinone to fish is already underway or completed. To ensure that the best available scientific information is taken into account, the Government of Canada is in contact with international counterparts and the scientific community as a whole.

In response to your request and given the available scientific evidence, 6PPD will be added as a priority for assessment to the proposed Plan of Chemicals Management Priorities being developed under section 73 of CEPA. This plan will be published for consultation in summer 2024 and finalized by June 2025 as provided for in subsection 73(1).

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Should you have any further questions or would like to be added to the distribution list of Environment and Climate Change Canada's Science Reporting and Assessment Directorate, please write to *substances@ec.gc.ca*.

Please accept my best regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steven Guilbeault". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

The Honourable Steven Guilbeault, P.C., M.P. (il/lui/he/him)

c.c.: The Honourable Mark Holland, Minister of Health