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Bill Roderick, Acting Inspector General
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Dear Mr. Roderick:

I am writing to you on behalf of PETA and our 1.6 million members and supporters who share the goal of promoting reliable and relevant testing methods that protect human health and the environment while reducing—and ultimately eliminating—the use of animals.

We are requesting an investigation into the manner in which an advocacy organization, Environmental Defense, was paid with taxpayer funds to work on a project with DuPont. This project resulted in the “Nano Risk Framework,” which is the subject today of a joint ED-DuPont press conference.

We have not been privy to the EPA call for grant proposals for this project nor the corresponding grant proposal that EPA received from Environmental Defense and others and want to know why these were not made public, e.g., through Federal Register notification..

PETA is concerned that the granting process was not transparent despite the use of public funds for this project. The use of taxpayer dollars to fund research must be transparent. When these grants are scientific in nature, the award of such grants is expected to be done in an objective manner, with the best, most qualified scientific proposals being given preference.

Environmental Defense has long been involved in less-than-credible pseudo-scientific endeavors that serve EPA’s purposes as a back-handed regulatory measure. Please address our concerns and open an investigation to determine whether standard granting procedures were followed in this case.

If you would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at: 757-622-7382 ext. 8119 or via email at: SamanthaD@peta.org. Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: June 21 letter to DuPont/Environmental Defense