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Mr. Douglas E. Drenkow  
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Dear Mr. Drenkow:

Thank you for your letter of December 30, 1983 to Mr. Ruckelshaus concerning any interest that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) might have in the publication of your book manuscript. My staff has examined that table of contents, synopsis, figures and supporting letters which you enclosed. It is, indeed, an impressive undertaking and could well be a thorough, if not unique, treatment of the subject matter.

The EPA is, however, a regulatory agency and we have no statutory charter to support requests for sponsoring publication of unsolicited book manuscripts such as yours. Publication of reference books such as you propose is left to the private sector as you may well understand. Sale of such volumes is generally a profit making venture for the private publisher and author, and, therefore, not a function of government.

Because we do not publish reference volumes or other book manuscripts written by private authors, referral to a publisher who might publish your 2000 page manuscript is probably of little value to you as we are not authorities in such matters. I suggest that you inquire at some of the privately supported environmental groups such as the Audubon Society or Nature Conservancy; or seek support from private foundations chartered to publish works such as yours. University or other well known scientific book publishers, of which there is a large number, may also be a possible option.

I wish you success in your endeavor.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bernard D. Goldstein".

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Assistant Administrator  
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