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August 19, 2003

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Securities and Exchange Commission  
450 Fifth Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Re: Form AW--withdrawal of Registration Statement for  
Hemispherx Biopharma, Inc., SEC File No 333-102513

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to conversations with the Commission's staff, we are requesting the immediate withdrawal of Amendment no. 1 to our registration statement on Form S-3 (SEC File No 333-102513) filed with the Commission on August 12, 2003.

Please be advised that there has been no distribution of this registration statement, or the related Prospectus.

Very truly yours,

s/ Robert Peterson  
Robert Peterson,  
Chief Financial Officer