

September 8, 1999

The Honorable Joe L. Barton, Chairman  
Subcommittee on Energy and Power  
Committee on Commerce  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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Sincerely,  
/s/ Dennis K. Rathbun  
Dennis K. Rathbun, Director  
Office of Congressional Affairs

Enclosure:  
Federal Register Notice  
cc: Representative Ralph M. Hall

**Identical Letter sent to The Honorable James M. Inhofe with cc: to Senator Bob Graham**

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Committee on Environment and Public Works  
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