

January 24, 2002

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Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality
Committee on Energy and Commerce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Sincerely,

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Office of Congressional Affairs

Enclosures: As stated

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