

September 28, 2004

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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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Dennis K. Rathbun, Director
Office of Congressional Affairs

Enclosure: *Federal Register* Notice

cc: Representative Rick Boucher

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