

January 22, 2008

The Honorable Rick Boucher
Chairman, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality
Committee on Energy and Commerce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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A notice of this petition denial will be published in the *Federal Register*.

Sincerely,

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Rebecca L. Schmidt, Director
Office of Congressional Affairs

Enclosure:
Federal Register Notice

cc: Representative Fred Upton

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Chairman, Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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