

December 21, 2007

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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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Sincerely,

/RA/

Rebecca L. Schmidt, Director
Office of Congressional Affairs

Enclosures:

1. *Federal Register* notice
2. PRM-2-13

cc: Senator George V. Voinovich

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Chairman, Committee on Environment and Public Works
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