

March 31, 2010

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Bernard Sanders
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Peter Welch
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator Leahy, Senator Sanders, and Congressman Welch:

I am responding to your letter of March 30, 2010. I appreciate your sharing your concerns with me.

Although the staff had proposed a "Government-to-Government" meeting on April 14, 2010 in New Hampshire, we have reassessed our plans. There will not be a closed meeting on April 14. Instead, the staff is working to expand our public meeting currently scheduled for April 12, 2010 in Brattleboro, Vermont, to provide for the participation by Vermont's Federal, State, and local officials as well as the public. We are in the process of securing a different venue in Brattleboro to accommodate the large number of people expected to participate. Our Office of Congressional Affairs will forward the details to your staffs shortly once the logistics are finalized.

As an agency, we have a long history of, and commitment to, transparency, participation, and collaboration in our regulatory activities, and we take pride in our openness. I believe the current approach is consistent with that philosophy. If you have additional questions as we move forward, please contact me.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Gregory B. Jaczko