

December 18, 2012

The Honorable Barbara Boxer  
Chairman, Committee on Environment  
and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Madam Chairman:

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The NRC has accepted this rulemaking petition for review.

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Sincerely,

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Rebecca L. Schmidt, Director  
Office of Congressional Affairs

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cc: Senator James M. Inhofe

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Chairman, Subcommittee on Clean Air  
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Committee on Environment and Public Works  
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Chairman, Committee on Energy  
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United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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cc: Representative Henry A. Waxman

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Chairman, Subcommittee on Energy  
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Committee on Energy and Commerce  
United States House of Representatives  
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cc: Representative Bobby L. Rush

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