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Chairman, Committee on Environment
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United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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For more information, see the enclosed document.

Please contact me at 301-415-1776 if you have questions or need more information.

Sincerely,

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Eugene Dacus, Director
Office of Congressional Affairs

Enclosure:
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cc: Senator Shelley Moore Capito



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SUBJECT: FINAL RULE: APPROVAL OF AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS' CODE CASES; INCORPORATION OF REGULATORY GUIDES
[RIN 3150-AJ94; NRC-2017-0025]

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