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The Honorable John D. Dingell
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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The *Federal Register* notice resolving the petition and closing the docket is being transmitted to the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

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Rebecca L. Schmidt, Director
Office of Congressional Affairs

Enclosure:
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cc: Representative Joe Barton

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