

January 31, 2005

Mr. Marco Gonzalez
Executive Secretary
Secretariat for the Montreal Protocol
P. O. Box 30552, Nairobi, Kenya

Dear Mr. Gonzalez:

In accordance with the Montreal Protocol and Decision IX/6, the United States hereby submits our 2007 nomination for a critical use exemption (CUE) for methyl bromide. In addition, we are submitting a small supplemental request for 2006. As part of this submission, the U.S. is providing additional information concerning our 2006 CUE request for those sectors that the parties, by decision at MOP-16, referred to the MBTOC for further review.

The enclosed nominations generally follow the format recently set out in the Methyl Bromide Handbook, and include supplemental information as appropriate. We hope that this format facilitates the review of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel and the Methyl Bromide Technical Options Committee (MBTOC). The United States is submitting these documents electronically, but would be pleased to provide a hard copy upon request. We will fax this signed cover letter to you for your records.

In accordance with Decision XVI/2 paragraph 7(b), I hereby request a meeting with the MBTOC at a time that occurs during their meeting, but before deliberations are completed. We believe such a meeting will allow a timely exchange of views and better understanding of the appropriate facts relevant to MBTOC's discussions.

Thank you for ensuring that these documents are transmitted to the Protocol's technical committees and for assisting the U.S. in arranging a meeting with the MBTOC. Thanks also for providing us with an additional week to prepare these materials for review.

We look forward to working with you to answer any questions that may arise during the review process. If additional information is needed, please contact John Thompson at the U.S. Department of State (ThompsonJE2@state.gov or 1-202-647-9799).

Sincerely,

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Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environment