

January 24, 2006

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, the United States is submitting our 2008 nomination for a critical use exemption (CUE) for methyl bromide. The enclosed sector by sector nominations generally follow the format 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.

We have appreciated the opportunity to meet with the MBTOC at their recent meetings to discuss key issues and answer questions, and would like to continue such discussions at their 2006 meetings. We look forward to working with you to answer any questions that may arise during the review process. Please contact me (ThompsonJE2@state.gov or 1-202-647-9799) should questions arise during consideration of this submission.

Sincerely,

John E. Thompson
Division Director, Office of Environmental Policy