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

Dear Mr. Gonzalez:

The United States submits the following documentation to support our 2009 Critical Use Nomination (CUN) request. Please distribute the nomination documents as appropriate.

The United States has largely used the re-nomination forms developed by the Methyl Bromide Technical Options Committee (MBTOC) and provided in the CUN Handbook as guidance to Parties. However, we felt it necessary to include elements from the form MBTOC developed for new applicants in order to provide a complete and accurate view of the circumstances in the U.S. that necessitate continued use of methyl bromide in certain critical applications. In addition, we are aware that new members of the Committee may not have the fuller set of data provided by the U.S. in previous year's nominations readily available to them. In an effort to facilitate a smooth review process, we have erred on the side of caution and provided robust information where needed. We have included a list of tables in addition to the table of contents so that MBTOC members can easily find the information they need.

If you have any questions please contact Hodayah Finman (+1 202 647 1123 or finmanhh@state.gov).

Sincerely,

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