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THE ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. James Connaughton  
Chairman  
Council on Environmental Quality  
730 Jackson Place, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Connaughton

I am pleased to inform you that EPA's partners in the U.S. magnesium industry have agreed to the goal of eliminating sulfur hexafluoride ( $SF_6$ ) emissions from magnesium operations by December 31, 2010.

The  $SF_6$  Emission Reduction Partnership for the Magnesium Industry, an EPA partnership program representing 100 percent of our country's primary magnesium production and approximately 80 percent of our magnesium casting, has embraced this ambitious goal in support of the President's Climate Change Initiative. By voluntarily eliminating emissions of  $SF_6$  – the most potent greenhouse gas known – the magnesium industry will help reduce overall U.S.  $SF_6$  emissions in 2010 by an estimated 20 percent. This level of reduction will produce a climate benefit equivalent to the elimination of greenhouse gas emissions from more than one million cars.

EPA has also been working to generate global support for the elimination of  $SF_6$  emissions, and we are pleased that the International Magnesium Association is committing to phasing out  $SF_6$  emissions by 2010. We look forward to following the progress of this worldwide effort.

I am enclosing a list of EPA's U.S. magnesium industry partners. Please join me in applauding their commitment to a truly aggressive climate-protection goal.

Sincerely yours,

Christine Todd Whitman

Enclosure

**Partners in EPA's SF<sub>6</sub> Emission Reduction Partnership for the Magnesium Industry  
Committed to Eliminating Sulfur Hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>) Emissions by 2010**

**Acme Die Casting  
Chicago White Metal Casting  
Consolidated Foundries – Pomona  
CONTECH Metal Forge Division of SPX Corporation  
Del Mar Die Casting  
Diversified Diemakers DBA Internet  
Hyatt Die Cast & Engineering Corporation  
Lunt Manufacturing  
Magnesium Aluminum Corporation  
Meridian Magnesium Products of America  
Northern Diecast  
Product Technologies  
Spartan Light Metal Products  
Twin City Die Castings  
U.S. Magnesium**