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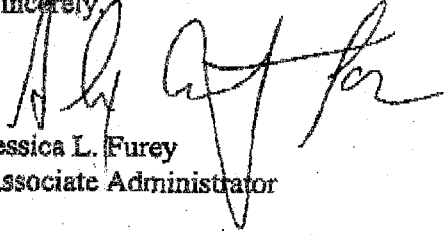
Re: Information Quality Guidelines Request for Reconsideration #7428A

Dear Mr. Horner:

This letter provides you with a status update regarding your May 21, 2003 request for reconsideration of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's denial of your request for correction in regards to the Climate Action Report 2002 (CAR 2002). Following the process set out in EPA's Information Quality Guidelines (*Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information Disseminated by the Environmental Protection Agency*), your request for reconsideration has been presented to an executive panel comprised of Paul Gilman, Assistant Administrator for Research and Development, Robert Varney, Region I Administrator, and Jessica Furey, Associate Administrator for Policy, Economics, and Innovation.

EPA's Information Quality Guidelines provide that it is EPA's goal to respond to each request for reconsideration within 90 days of receipt by 1) providing either a decision on the request, or 2) if the request requires more than 90 calendar days to resolve, informing the complainant that more time is required and indicate the reason why and an estimated decision date. By this letter we are informing you that more than 90 days will be required to respond to your request for reconsideration. The executive panel is conducting a thorough review and discussion of your request. Moreover, as this is the first request for reconsideration to have been brought before an executive panel, the panel is working through various procedural and administrative issues. The panel believes that it will be able to issue a decision within 30 days.

Sincerely,


Jessica L. Furey
Associate Administrator

cc: Paul Gilman, Assistant Administrator, ORD
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