

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration Administrator

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1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

The Honorable Barbara Mikulski Chairman Committee on Appropriations United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman:

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Identical letters were sent to the Vice Chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, and the Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Committee on Appropriations.

If I can provide further information or assistance, please feel free to call me at 202-366-4433.

Regards,



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The Honorable Thad Cochran Vice Chairman Committee on Appropriations United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Vice Chairman Cochran:

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The Honorable Harold Rogers Chairman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Norman D. Dicks Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Dicks:

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