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The Honorable John D. Dingell
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman,

Thank you for your letter of March 1, 2007, to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Stephen Johnson regarding EPA's efforts to finalize the Clean Air Fine Particle Implementation Rule. We appreciate your continued interest in this matter.

As you know, we responded, on February 9, 2007, to your initial request of January 19, 2007. In our February 9th letter, we supplied answers to five of the six questions contained in your initial communication. Our response announced our intention to finalize the Clean Air Fine Particle Implementation Rule later this month. In addition, we also informed you that we needed more time to respond to your extensive request for copies of "all documents related to this rulemaking that contain or reflect discussions with or comments from OMB or other parts of the executive Branch as part of formal or informal review of the proposed or final rule."

In your March 1st communication, you requested that we provide all documents related to the PM implementation rulemaking by Wednesday, March 7, 2007. EPA respects your role as Chairman and is committed to providing the Committee, to the fullest extent possible, in a timely manner, information necessary to satisfy its oversight activities. We have made extensive efforts to provide responsive documents within the time you requested, and those efforts are ongoing. The volume of documents requested, however, has not allowed us to complete our search and review process by this time. Please be assured that EPA is continuing to work on your request, and we expect to be able to further respond to your request by the week of April 2, 2007.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may call Tom Dickerson, in EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, at (202) 564-3638.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W L Wehrum', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

William L. Wehrum
Acting Assistant Administrator