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Dear [REDACTED]:

On August 16, 2005, the Environmental Quality Board ("EQB") approved the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's ("PADEP's") recommendation to develop a Pennsylvania-specific regulation to reduce mercury emissions from coal-fired electric generating units. The EQB action was taken in response to a Petition for Rulemaking submitted by the Citizens for Pennsylvania's Future and 61 other organizations to reduce mercury emissions from coal-fired power plants.

PADEP's Mercury Rulemaking Public Involvement process is being initiated to consult with a diverse group of public and private sector stakeholders, including representatives of the petitioners, industry and trade associations. The primary objectives of the public involvement process are to discuss key information relevant to a "state-specific" mercury regulation and to obtain recommendations on the technical aspects of the proposed rulemaking, including control levels, testing, monitoring, recordkeeping and reporting, and compliance schedules.

I would greatly appreciate your participation in these discussions to help the Department develop a Pennsylvania-specific mercury emissions rule. We are planning to hold a series of meetings of the newly established Mercury Rule Workgroup to discuss mercury issues and the development of a draft regulation. The first meeting will be held on October 14, 2005, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in Room 105 of the Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17105. A draft agenda and background material are enclosed for this first meeting.

Please contact Dean Van Orden, Chief, Air Information Division, Bureau of Air Quality, by e-mail at dvanorden@state.pa.us or by telephone at 717-787-1455 to confirm that you or a designee will be participating in this important effort. Thank you in advance for your time and interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Kathleen A. McGinty
Secretary

Enclosures

