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The Honorable James M. Inhofe
Ranking Member
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Inhofe:

Thank you for your August 4, 2009 letter, co-signed by one of your colleagues, concerning openness and transparency in the scientific process at EPA. In this letter, you requested copies of documents and responses to numerous specific questions.

EPA will need additional time to respond to your requests. Your requests are a high priority, and we will respond further as soon as possible.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may call Tom Dickerson of my staff at (202) 564-3638.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arvin Ganesan".

Arvin Ganesan
Deputy Associate Administrator
for Congressional Affairs

cc: The Honorable Barbara Boxer
Chairman