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October 10, 2007

Mary Nichols Chair, California Air Resources Board 1001 I Street P.O. Box 2815 Sacramento, CA 95812

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Sincerely,

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