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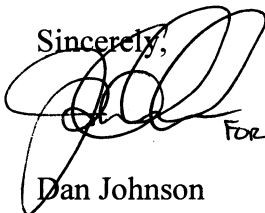
Due to a variety of circumstances, the Working Group has had limited participation and therefore received limited substantive input from Western Air Directors as pointed out in the second paragraph of the September 9, 2002 report to the Working Group from STAPPA/ALAPCO. We ask that you provide us with additional time, until November 1st, to be sure we can give the report and its recommendations full consideration and ensure that western issues have been adequately identified and addressed.

Our initial review suggests that there may be a need to adjust some technical and legal points in the draft report. A number of WESTAR states are working as fast as possible to analyze the data, science, and regulatory process requirements to provide constructive input that reflects appropriate ways to control hazardous air pollutants from western coal fired utilities.

We recognize that the Working Group is nearing the end of its work so we will make every effort to provide you written comments by November 1. In the event the Working Group is unable to provide us this additional time, we request that you inform the FACA Subcommittee of our interest in more thoroughly evaluating your recommendations, especially as they relate to mercury and the extent to which costs and existing, effective control technologies for elemental mercury were taken into consideration

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request. We look forward to being active participants in the remainder of the process to develop this crucial environmental standard.

Sincerely,


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