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California continues to lead America--and indeed the world--in our air quality improvement programs. As in our other environmental programs, we are consistently advancing our achievements toward our high standards through reforms that are enforceable and that simplify the regulatory process.

With your assistance, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency's (U.S. EPA) implementation of Title III of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 can at once build upon California's experience and make it available to other jurisdictions. Since the federal statute in this area is based in part on prior California experience, this is especially appropriate.

The attached letter from a wide-ranging and informed group of California stakeholders urges U.S. EPA to integrate the federal air toxics program with existing state and local programs in California. I concur with their approach because it holds promise of superior enforceability, accountability, and cost-effectiveness. Your support of this approach will unquestioningly add value.

To reach agreement on this conceptual approach by the end of January 1997 would demonstrate U.S. EPA's good faith and make program success more likely. Needless to say, please do not hesitate to contact me in the interim.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely,

James M. Strock

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Enclosures