

May 2, 2013

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Chairman, Committee on Environment
and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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cc: Senator David Vitter

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cc: Representative Henry A. Waxman

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