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Mr. Bill Wemhoff
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National Rural Electric Cooperative Association
4301 Wilson Boulevard
Arlington, Virginia 22203

Dear Mr. Wemhoff:

This letter is in response to the petition for reconsideration of the final rule "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines," submitted by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) on October 19, 2010. As indicated in our January 19, 2011 response to NRECA's petition, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has already initiated a reconsideration process to address the issues raised in NRECA's petition regarding the provision allowing emergency engines to operate for 15 hours per year as part of an emergency demand response program. This letter is to inform you that we also intend to initiate a reconsideration process to address the issues raised in your petition regarding the limitations on the use of small emergency engines for peak shaving. A more detailed description of the particular issues to be reconsidered will be set out in a forthcoming Federal Register notice.

Thank you for your continued interest in this rule. If you have any questions regarding the reconsideration process, please contact Melanie King of the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards at (919) 541-2469.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gina McCarthy".

Gina McCarthy
Assistant Administrator

Cc: Rae Cromiller, NRECA