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Washington, DC 20585

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General Provisions Docket  
Category VI, Part 63 General Provisions (Subpart A)  
Pollution Prevention Compliance Alternative Amendments  
EPA Docket Center (Air Docket)  
U.S. EPA West (MD-6102T)  
Room B-108  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Department of Energy (DOE) has reviewed the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) proposed rule, "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories: General Provisions," published in the May 15, 2003, *Federal Register* (68 FR 26249), from the perspective of the rule's potential impact on DOE operations and facilities. In this notice, EPA is proposing amendments that would provide regulatory relief to facilities that use pollution prevention to achieve and maintain hazardous air pollutant (HAP) emissions reductions equivalent to or better than the maximum achievable control technology level of control required under applicable national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants (NESHAP).

The Department wishes to express general support for the concepts in this rulemaking, which successfully integrates the Pollution Prevention Act with the HAP reduction requirements of the Clean Air Act. We believe that the pollution prevention approaches in the rulemaking have the clear potential to offer some source owners and operators a viable, cost-effective alternative to control technology requirements to reduce HAP emissions, which would also minimize and simplify regulatory implementation requirements.

The Department appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed rule. My staff points of contact for this rulemaking are Ted Koss (202-586-7964; [theodore.koss@eh.doe.gov](mailto:theodore.koss@eh.doe.gov)) and Emile Boulos (202-586-1306; [emile.boulos@eh.doe.gov](mailto:emile.boulos@eh.doe.gov)).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Andy Lawrence".

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