



The Secretary of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

January 18, 2017

The Honorable Lamar Alexander
Chairman, Subcommittee on Energy and
Water Development
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member





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Committee on Appropriations
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