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Subject: Final Environmental Impact Statement for Construction and Operation of an
Incoming Mail Facility in Aliso Viejo, Orange County, California (CEQ
#20080541)

Dear Ms. Andrews:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the above-referenced document pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508) and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act. EPA reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and provided comments to the United States Postal Service (USPS) on October 23, 2008. We rated the DEIS as Environmental Concerns – Adequate Information (EC-1), and recommended that the USPS commit to mitigation measures in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and subsequent record of decision (ROD). While the USPS included additional mitigation measures recommended by EPA in the FEIS, we note that the measures are still listed as potential rather than measures that the USPS has committed to. We again recommend that the ROD include commitments to mitigation measures listed in the FEIS, and in particular those measures EPA recommended in our October 2008 letter (attached).

We appreciate the opportunity to review this FEIS. When the ROD is signed, please send one copy to the address above (mail code: CED-2). If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Mulvihill of my staff at 415-947-3554 or mulvihill.carolyn@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

Kathleen M. Goforth, Manager
Environmental Review Office (CED-2)

Attachment: EPA October 23, 2008 Comment Letter