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The Honorable Todd Tiahrt
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Interior,
Environment, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Tiahrt:

Enclosed for your review is the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) National Library Network Report to Congress on the actions to restore publicly available libraries to provide environmental information and data as required in Division F of the Explanatory Statement accompanying the Consolidated Appropriations Act (H.R. 2764) for Fiscal Year 2008.

The subject of this report primarily addresses service delivery through direct, on-site services, as delineated in this report. However, to ensure that EPA's information and data accessibility is maximized now and in the future, EPA's National Library Network must continue to utilize technology to provide and enhance access to the Agency's library collections to EPA staff and the public consistent with recognized best practices. The Agency is currently finalizing policy and procedures to provide a framework for this transition to ensure a standard level of facilities and services across all libraries.

Thank you for your interest in our efforts to enhance access to environmental information and data. Should you need additional information or have any questions, please contact Ed Walsh of my staff at (202) 564-4594.

Best wishes,

Lyons Gray

Chief Financial Officer

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