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Dr. Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary of Energy
United States Department of Energy
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Washington, DC 20585

Dear Dr. Bodman:

Due to the recent letter from Senator Obama to you urging that the Department of Energy ensure that mercury stockpiles remain in the possession of the United States government, I wanted to ensure that you were aware of the position of the Quicksilver Caucus on this issue. The Quicksilver Caucus is a coalition of state environmental associations including the Environmental Council of the States, the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials, the Association of State and Interstate Water Pollution Control Administrators, the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators, the National Association of Clean Air Agencies, and the National Pollution Prevention Roundtable, that addresses mercury in the environment. For years, the Quicksilver Caucus has opposed the sale of United States mercury stockpiles and has called for a coordinated, federal government-led effort to evaluate long-term management, retirement, and substitution options. This position has been formally stated in the attached resolution of the Environmental Council of the States, *Mercury Retirement and Stockpiling*.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 617-292-5975. Your staff is also welcome to contact Mary Blakeslee at ECOS for any additional information at 202-624-3660.

Sincerely,



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