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Mr. Greg Scott
SIGMA c/o Collier Shannon Scott
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Dear Mr. Scott:

Thank you for your December 9, 2005 letter to Stephen Johnson, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and Joshua Bolten, Director, Office of Management and Budget, regarding fiscal year 2007 funding levels for the Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Trust Fund. I appreciate your interest in the underground storage tank (UST) program.

As you indicated, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 substantially changes the federal UST program and imposes numerous responsibilities on EPA and any states receiving LUST funding. Successfully implementing the tank provisions of this Act is an important priority for EPA and will be a significant challenge for EPA and states. We have already begun to work with many of our state, tribal, and industry partners on the new provisions.

As the Agency develops its FY 2007 budget, we have to give consideration to the Nation's many critical environmental concerns and threats to human health. You may be assured that your concerns are appreciated and will be taken into account as we formulate our detailed budget request to Congress.

Thank you for your interest in the UST program and your offer to assist EPA in implementing the UST provisions in the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Should you need additional information or have further questions, please contact me or Jim Blizzard in EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at (202) 564-1695.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Cliff Rothenstein", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Cliff Rothenstein, Director
Office of Underground Storage Tanks